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Every local leader wants our members to win big and get the best results, with a vibrant, active and strong union—but the path to a powerful union is not simple. **Building Our Power** is a 5-session leadership development series for UAW Region 9A members who are seeking to take their locals to the next level. This educational series will consist of a small (10-15) group of members throughout the Region who will meet once a month as a cohort to build our skills as union leaders with a focus on collective bargaining. Participants will dive deep into bargaining, mobilization, and strike strategy, understanding and assessing the economic conditions of their industry and the mobilization of their membership. We will focus on the challenges faced by unions in our current economic conditions, lessons we can learn from past and contemporary labor struggles, analyzing methods to grow the power of the working class in every sector and industry and applying them to our concrete conditions in our locals. Sessions will include guest speakers, readings from UAW, labor history, and theoretical sources as well as sharing between participants.

The first four sessions will be conducted via Zoom on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Participants are required to commit to attend all sessions. The final session will be an all-day event in either the Hartford or NYC Regional Offices, to be determined.

Please apply here: <https://forms.gle/v1tMYm2D66UwjZCm8>

Deadline to apply is June 1st. Space is extremely limited and will be approved based on evaluation of application. Approval for lost time is subject to local union bylaws.

### Course Schedule

*Session 1: Achieving Our Goals*

Tuesday, July 21, 6-8pm via Zoom

*Session 2: Turning Bargaining Problems into Bargaining Power*

Tuesday, August 18, 6-8pm via Zoom

*Session 3: Lessons in Expanding Our Power*

Tuesday, September 15, 6-8pm via Zoom

*Session 4: Union Democracy is Power: Tools for Getting and Keeping Your Membership Strong*

Tuesday, September 29, 6-8pm via Zoom

*Session 5: Building a Fighting Union in Times of Social Crisis*

November/December, Hartford or NYC to be determined