



Events, etc..

Cross Union ULR Forums

Please see below the dates for the next three meetings of **Inverness, Caithness, Orkney and Moray** Cross Union ULR Forums. Venues and agendas for all Forums will be circulated nearer the time. If there is no local Forum in your area you are welcome to attend the Forum meeting nearest to you. If there is any particular subject/speaker you would like to see included on any of the Forum agendas, please contact Pam. **Please note: you must have approval from your own union to attend STUC events.**

Inverness Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:

- Friday 1st October 2010 from 11am to 2pm
- Friday 3rd December 2010 from 11am to 2pm
- Friday 11th March 2011 from 11am to 2pm (Multi link video conference forum meeting)

Caithness Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:

- Thursday 30th September 2010 from 11am to 2pm
- Thursday 2nd December 2010 from 11am to 2pm
- Friday 11th March 2011 from 11am to 2pm (Multi link video conference forum meeting)

Orkney Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:

- Friday 8th October 2010 (via VC) from 11am to 1pm
- Friday 3rd December 2010 (via VC) from 2.15pm to 3.45pm
- Friday 11th March 2011 from 11am to 2pm (Multi link video conference forum meeting)

Moray Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:

- Wednesday 29th September 2010 from 12 noon to 2pm
- Wednesday 1st December 2010 from 11am to 1pm
- Friday 11th March 2011 from 11am to 2pm (Multi link video conference forum meeting)

In Brief

ULRs who attended Scottish Union Learning Highlands & Islands ULR Conference on 11 June 2010 received the **2010 update for the Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack**. Vicky has sent every ULR who did not attend the conference a request form for the 2010 update. If you have not received a form and would like a 2010 update, or if you do not have a Resource Pack and would like one, please contact Vicky.

Last e-news Challenge - Answers

1. When was Scottish Union Learning launched? **May 2008**
2. Approximately how many learning centres are there in the Highlands & Islands? **Over 100**
3. What is the earnings threshold for an ILA? **£22,000.**
4. What does ABE stand for? **Adult Basic Education**
5. Where can you find Scottish Union Learning Online Forum? **<http://forum.scottishunionlearning.com>**

Congratulations to Joan Docherty, Prospect ULR, winner of the last quiz and a £10 book token.

See the next page for your chance to win a £10 book token!





Jenny Roberts (left) the STUC Youth Committee project worker participates in one of the workshops at the recent Highlands & Islands ULR Conference.

Supporting Highland young workers learn for life!

One of the new Highlands & Islands Development Fund projects approved includes an STUC Youth Committee project. The project will run from 1st July 2010 until 31st March 2011 and Jenny Roberts, STUC Youth Committee member and local UNISON member has been appointed as part time project worker. The overall aim of the project is to support young workers in the Highlands & Islands, across all unions and sectors, engage in lifelong learning. Jenny will be in touch over the next couple of months to let you know more about the project. We wish Jenny all the best in her new post.

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Parle` Italiano!

Do you have members in the Inverness area interested in learning Italian?

Marjory Shane, PCS ULR has identified some demand in her workplace for an Italian course. However, to be able to run a course, Marjory needs more numbers. If you have any members/workers in the Inverness area who may be interested in an Italian course please email Marjory at: shane@marg.freeserve.co.uk
Grazie!

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Take the Challenge!

What do you know about the new **Right to Request Time to Train?** For the chance to win a £10 book token take the short quiz below and send your answers (by email or post) to Vicky by 30th July 2010.

1. **Until April 2011 (when the right can be exercised by all employees) only employees in large organisations can exercise the right. How many employees does a large organisation need to have to exercise the right?**
2. **How many weeks does an employee have to be employed for before being able to exercise the right to request time to train?**
3. **How many requests can an employee make in a year?**
4. **How many days is the employer permitted to respond to a request?**
5. **Does the employer have to pay for any training request approved?**

The 2010 update for the Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack contains information on the Right to Request Time to Train. If you haven't received the 2010 update you can find information about the right by downloading a free copy of the unionlearn publication, Right to Request Time off for Training; A Guide for Trade Unions and Union Reps at : www.unionlearn.org.uk/publications/index.cfm.