



## Hot off the press!

Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands have commissioned a 16-page supplement to showcase the role unions are playing in increasing access and opportunities in learning and training for workers in the Highlands & Islands. The supplement contains articles from all the unions with Scottish Union Learning Fund (SULF) project activity in the area and there are lots of quotes and photos from local ULRs. As well as promoting the importance of skills and training, particularly in the current economic climate, the supplement contains practical information for workers who may be facing redundancy. The supplement will be distributed week ending **3<sup>rd</sup> April** and will be included with the following weekly newspapers: John O'Groat Journal, Northern Times, Ross-shire Journal, North Star, Ross-shire Herald, Highland News, Lochaber News, Inverness & Nairn Herald, Inverness Courier, Northern Scot, the Strathspey & Badenoch Herald and the West Highland Free Press. The supplement will be distributed to the Islands at a later date. Thanks to all unions and ULRs who made the supplement possible.

### Skills for Everyday Life

The last edition of the e-news mentioned BBC Raw skills website. The website offers highly interactive activities to help increase confidence and develop skills with adult learners. One focus of the website is on numeracy skills. This is especially important during the current economic climate when everyone is aware of the financial impact but perhaps not sure how it affects them as individuals, or how they should go about "doing" something to help themselves. Janette McQuiston, UNISON ULR has been trained to facilitate rolling out the RaW campaign to ULRs in the Highlands & Islands and would be happy to come along and demonstrate the site to ULRs. If you would like to discuss this with Janette, please email [highunison@btinternet.com](mailto:highunison@btinternet.com) or call 01463 715 891.

## Dates for your diary

**The 2009 Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands ULR Conference** will take place on **Friday 12 June 2009** in **Eden Court, Inverness**. The theme of this year's conference is '**making the case for learning in the current economic climate.**' Further details about the conference and how to register will be circulated in the next few weeks.

**Learning at Work Day** will take place on **14 May 2009**. If you are thinking about planning an event on that day, or that week, you may find it useful to log on to the learning at work day website: [www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk](http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk)

**The Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack** is currently being updated. If you feel there is something which we may have missed that should be included in the pack, please let Pam know (contact details below).

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