



Individual Learning Accounts

ILA Scotland has recently announced a number of changes to ILAs. The changes, which will be available to learners from academic year 2009 - 10, include:

- ✘ Increasing the income threshold from £18,000 to £22,000 (applications can be taken from July 2009)
- ✘ Reducing the minimum study requirement for ILA500 from 50% of a full - time course to 40 Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF) credits
- ✘ Widening the range of courses eligible for ILA500 funding to include part - time taught postgraduate courses at SCQF level 11, initially for academic year 2009 - 10 only, with a review at the end of the first year in light of economic conditions.

Learning at Work Day

A number of ULRs organised LAW events in their workplace during week beginning 11th May. This year, there was more LAW events held in the Highlands & Islands than ever before, so well done everyone! If you took photos at your event, maybe you could please send a couple to Jennifer Payne (jpayne@stuc.org.uk), Marketing Officer, along with a short report about your event, for Jennifer to include in the next version of Scottish Union Learning newsletter. Thank you!

Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack 2009

The Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack has been completely updated. The Pack will be distributed at the Highlands & Islands ULR Conference on 12 June. For ULRs who currently have a pack, but will not be attending the conference, we will contact you during June/July and arrange to send you the updated pack.

Contact **Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands** UNISON, 53 Shore Street, Inverness.
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Dates for your diary

Scottish Union Learning Highlands & Islands 2009 ULR Conference will take place on **Friday 12th June** in Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. Details about the conference have already been circulated. However, if you want more information, please contact Pam. Please note: You must have approval from your own union to attend STUC events.

The dates for the next meeting of **Inverness, Caithness, Orkney & Shetland Cross Union ULR Forums** will be advertised in the next edition of the e-news in July 09.

Welcome to Linda Skinner, who recently took up the post of GMB SULF (Scottish Union Learning Fund) project worker for the Highlands & Islands.

Thank you to all the ULRs who supported the 2 cross union events in March; the Open Learning Evening at Elgin Library Learning Centre and the Learning Fair, Eden Court, Inverness. Your support helped make both events a success.

