



Events etc..

Cross Union ULR Forums

Please see below the dates for **Inverness, Caithness, Orkney & Moray** Cross Union ULR Forums. Agendas for all Forums will be advised nearer to the time. If there is no local Forum in your area, you are welcome to attend the Forum meeting nearest to you. **Please note: you must have approval from your own union to attend STUC events.**

Orkney Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:
Wednesday **2nd December 2009** (via VC) -11am to 1pm
Venue to be confirmed

Caithness Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:
Thursday **3rd December 2009** - 11am to 2pm in Naver Business Centre, Naver Road Thurso.

Inverness Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:
Friday **4th December 2009** - 11am to 2pm in the UNISON Building, 53 Shore Street Inverness

Moray Cross Union ULR Forum will meet on:
Wednesday **9th December 2009** - 12.30 to 3pm in Elgin Fire Station, Wards Road Elgin.

Scottish Union Learning Conference 2009 is taking place in **Dundee on Thursday 19th November**. For more information contact Ann Garscadden on 0141 337 8134 or email: agarscadden@stuc.org.uk

Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands in partnership with **RMT, CWU, UNISON** and the **FBU** are taking to the road to deliver the message about union learning to **workers in Argyll & Bute and Lochaber** during **2nd to 5th November**. The **Union Learning road show** is visiting workplaces in **Oban, Lochgilphead, Inverary, Rothesay, Colonsay, Tobemory, Dunoon and Fort William**. For more information please contact Pam.

IN BRIEF

The numbers of ULRs who attended this year's Scottish Union Learning Highlands & Islands ULR Conference were slightly down on last year. A short survey has been sent out to ULRs who did not attend. **Thank you** to all the ULRs who have taken the trouble to complete the survey and return to us.

Talking about **surveys**, many thanks to the **Shetland ULRs** who took the trouble to complete the questionnaire regarding Shetland Cross Union ULR Forum. You all had different suggestions about the meeting times/ frequency of the Forum. We are currently looking at how we can best meet your requirements and will be in touch shortly.

Did you know the nominations are out for the 2010 **Helen Dowie award**? The award is for lay activists who have excelled in the promotion of learning in the workplace. It would be great to see some nominations from the Highlands & Islands! For more information please see: www.scottishunionlearning.com



WELCOME

A warm welcome to Marta Chaba! Marta recently joined UNISON as a project worker with specific responsibility for migrant workers. Marta's post is funded by European Social Fund as part of Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands ESF lifelong learning project. We wish Marta every success in her new role. You can contact Marta at: m.chaba@unison.co.uk



Highlands & Islands ULR Noticeboard

Have you got something you want to share with /ask other ULRs in the Highlands & Islands?

Thinking of running a course, but need more learners to allow the course to run?

This space has been created for ULRs to post anything they want to bring to the attention of other ULRs. If you have something to ask/share, please email Pam and it will appear in the next edition of e-news.

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Take the Challenge!

Think you know about learning? Then take 'the challenge' to test your knowledge in the short quiz below. The names of the ULRs who enter (and get the answers correct) will be put into a hat and the name drawn out will receive a £10 book token. Furthermore, every ULR who enters the quiz (which will now feature in every e-news) will be awarded a 'point' for their area, and the area with the most 'points' over the next 6 months will be receive some funding for a cross union short course (ie art, DIY, cooking etc) so don't let your area down!

1. How many SUL team members are based in Inverness?
2. How many academic partners (colleges and research institutions) make up UHI Millennium Institute?
3. What does ESOL stand for?
4. What is the website address for LEARNINGworks?
5. What SCQF level would a Higher give you?

Please send you answers by email to Vicky or by post card to the Scottish Union Learning Office by **Friday 13th Nov.**

The quiz is open to all Highlands & Islands ULRs. All answers can be found in the ULR Resource Pack