

Events, etc..

Cross Union ULR Forums

The next meetings of Inverness, Caithness, Orkney & Moray Cross Union ULR Forums will take place on Friday 12th March 2010. This will be a multi link video conference meeting linking the four forums together. Venues for each forum will be advised in January 2010 and 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.**

Everyday Skills Event

Scottish Union Learning Everyday Skills event is taking place in Glasgow on Thursday 25th February. Further information will be circulated in the following weeks by Wendy Burton, Development Officer - Everyday Skills.

Union Learning Roadshow

Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands in partnership with RMT, UNISON, PCS, USDAW and the FBU are taking to the road to deliver the message about union learning to workers in the Outer Hebrides during 1st to 5th March 2010. We are still in the planning stages but it is envisaged that the Union Learning Roadshow, will stop off in Barra; South Uist; North Uist; Harris and Stornoway. If you would like more information about the roadshow, please contact Pam.

ULR Course, Inverness.

TUC Education Scotland is running a basic Union Learning Reps Course (5 Days) in Inverness College. The course will be delivered on a 3 + 2 day block basis as follows: 26th to 28th January 2010 (3 Days) and 23rd & 24th February 2010 (2 Days). For further information, please contact Stuart Bell at TUC Education on 0141 221 8545 or email sbell@tuc.org.uk

In Brief

Scottish Union Learning 2010 Highlands & Islands ULR Conference will take place on Friday 11th June in Inverness.

Do you know nominations are still open for the **Helen Dowie award**? The award is for lay activists who have excelled in the promotion of learning in the workplace. For more information please see:

www.scottishunionlearning.com

October Challenge - Answers

1. How many SUL Team members are based in Inverness? **3**
2. How many academic partners make up UHI Millennium Institute? **14**
3. What does ESOL stand for? **English for Speakers of Other Languages**
4. What is the website address for LEARNINGworks? **www.learning-works.co.uk**
5. What SCQF level would a Higher give you? **Level 6**

Following October's challenge, **Caithness ULRs** are currently **top of the leader board!** To earn points for your area, please complete the short quiz on **page 2**

Scottish Fund for Union Learning

Trade unions can apply to the Scottish Fund for Union Learning – Highlands & Islands to fund collective learning in the workplace. At a recent meeting of Inverness Cross Union ULR Forum, ULRs sought clarification as to what type of learning can be funded from the Scottish Fund for Union Learning. In response to that question, we have developed an information note for ULRs which provides guidance on the type of courses that can be funded. Along with the information note, we have also produced a one page questionnaire listing the type of courses that can be funded, which ULRs can adapt to use in their workplace to identify demand for learning. If you would like a copy of the information note and questionnaire, please contact Cheryl, details below. Or if you would like more information about applying to the Scottish Fund for Union Learning please contact Pam, details also below.

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Scottish Union Learning in the
Highlands & Islands
wishes you a very
Merry Christmas
and
a happy, peaceful and prosperous
New Year
(with lots of learning
opportunities for your members
in 2010!).



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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 will be awarded a 'point' for their area, and the area with the most 'points' over the next 6 months will receive some funding for a cross union short course (ie art, DIY, cooking etc) so don't let your area down – get involved today!

1. What does SULF stand for?
2. How many ULRs have been trained by unionlearn TUC education? a) 7,000 b) 16,000 c) 22,000
3. How old do you have to be to be eligible for an ILA?
4. What does WEA stand for?
5. What is the web site address for Dyslexia Scotland?

Please send you answers by email to Vicky or by post card to the Scottish Union Learning Office by Friday 15th Jan 2010. The quiz is open to all Highlands & Islands ULRs. All answers can be found in the ULR Resource Pack.