



Events, etc..

Cross Union ULR Forums

The next meetings of Inverness, Caithness, Orkney & Moray Cross Union ULR Forums will all take place on **Friday 12th March 2010, 11am to 2pm**. This will be a multi link video conference meeting linking the four forums together. Notices of venues for each Forum have already been circulated. If you haven't already registered to attend your local Forum, please let Vicky know by Friday 26th February. **Please note: you must have approval from your own union to attend STUC events.**

Union Learning Roadshow – Outer Hebrides

Scottish Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands, in partnership with RMT, UNISON, PCS, USDAW and the FBU, is taking to the road to deliver the message about union learning to workers in the Outer Hebrides from **1st to 6th March 2010**. If you would like more information about the road show, please contact Pam.

ULR Course, Inverness

TUC Education Scotland is running a basic Union Learning Reps Course (5 days) in Inverness in March/April. The course will be delivered on a 3 + 2 day block basis as follows: **29th to 31st March 2010** (3 days) and **27th & 28th April 2010** (2 days). For further information, please contact Stuart Bell at TUC Education on 0141 221 8545 or email sbell@tuc.org.uk.

2010 Highlands & Islands ULR Conference

This year's Scottish Union Learning Highlands & Islands ULR Conference will take place on **Friday 11th June 2010** in Eden Court, Inverness. The theme of this year's conference is "Union Learning; the Road to Equality." Further details about the Conference and how to register will be circulated in the next few weeks.

In Brief

The Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack will shortly be updated. If there is anything new you would like to see included in the Pack, please contact Pam.

TUC Education is holding an open evening for all union reps in Shetland on Tuesday 9th March. For more information contact Mark Pollitt on 07824 431 511.

December's Challenge - Answers

1. What does SULF stand for?
Scottish Union Learning Fund
2. How many ULRs have been trained by unionlearn TUC Education? a) 7,000 b) 16,000 c) 22,000. **22,000**
3. How old do you have to be to be eligible for an ILA? **16 years.**
4. What does WEA stand for?
Workers' Educational Association
5. What is the website address for Dyslexia Scotland?
www.dyslexia.scotland.org.uk

Caithness ULRs are still top of the leader board! To earn points for your area and the chance to win a £10 book token, complete the short quiz on page 2.

Congratulations to Derek Noble, EIS ULR, winner of December's quiz and a £10 book token.





Armed with shovels and spades, UNISON's lifelong learning field workers Philippa Clark and Marta Chaba, dig their way out of the car park to deliver the union learning message!

Learning Fund – Highlands & Islands

Unite, UNISON and Usdaw, along with Inverness and Caithness Cross Union ULR Forums have all applied to the Highlands & Islands Learning Fund to fund a range of different courses. If you would like information on how to apply to the Learning Fund please contact Pam. You can also find information about the Learning Fund at www.scottishunionlearning.com and click on this link [ESF - Scottish Union Learning](#) for a Highlands & Islands Application Form.

Highlands & Islands ULR Noticeboard

National Learning at Work Day 2010 - Thursday 20th May

If you are thinking about planning an event or some activity in your workplace on Learning at Work Day (or during that week, which is Adult Learners' Week) you might find it useful to log on to

www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk.

The site has some a useful tips, promotional materials and suggestions for activities on the day. It also has a section for ULRs.

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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 six months will be receive some funding for a cross union short course (i.e. art, DIY, cooking etc.) so don't let your area down – get involved today!

1. When was Scottish Union Learning launched?
2. Approximately how many learning centres are there in the Highlands & Islands?
3. What is the earnings threshold for an ILA?
4. What does ABE stand for?
5. Where can you find Scottish Union Learning Online Forum?

Please send your answers by email to Vicky or post to the Scottish Union Learning Office by Friday **13th March 2010**. The quiz is open to all Highlands & Islands ULRs. All answers can be found in the ULR Resource Pack.