



Events, etc..



Cross Union ULR Forums

The next meetings of **Inverness, Caithness, Orkney & Moray** Cross Union ULR Forums will take place on **Monday 14th March 2011 between 11am and 2pm** (please note change of date). This will be a multi-link video conference meeting, linking the four Forums together. Venues for each Forum will be advised in January 2011 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.**

Stage 1 ULR Course, Stornoway

TUC Education Scotland hopes to run a 5-day block Stage 1 ULR course in Stornoway in March 2011. If you have any members who may be interested in this training, please contact Stuart Bell at TUC Education on 0141 221 8545 or email sbell@tuc.org.uk

Trade Union Nights @ Inverness College

During December, ULRs in the Inverness (and nearby areas) will receive information about four IT courses (2 x intermediate; 1 x basic and 1 x advanced course) and a Gaelic taster course. They will start in February 2011 at Inverness College on Trade Union Nights (Tuesdays and Thursdays). These courses will be open to all unions.

Everyday Skills Event

The Scottish Union Learning Everyday Skills event will take place on Thursday 24th February 2011 in Glasgow. Further information will be circulated in the next few weeks by Ann Garscadden, Admin Officer.

Highlands & Islands ULR Conference 2011

The Scottish Union Learning 2011 Highlands & Islands ULR Conference will take place in Eden Court, Inverness on Friday 10th June 2011 in Inverness.

In Brief

Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack 2011.

We are starting to think about the updates required for the 2011 Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack. If there is something additional you feel should be included in the pack, please do not hesitate to let us know.

In Pictures: the 2010 Highlands & Islands ULR conference.

Find conference photos at <http://www.scottishunionlearning.com/support/highlands-and-islands/highlands-and-islands-events/hi-ulr-conference-2010>

Last e-news Challenge/Answers

1. How many employees does an organisation need to have to exercise the Right to Request Time to Train? **250**
2. How many weeks does an employee have to be employed for before being able to exercise the Right to Request Time to Train? **26**
3. How many requests can an employee make in a year? **1**
4. How many days is the employer permitted to respond to a request? **28**
5. Does the employer have to pay for any training requested approved? **No**



Highlands & Islands Learning Fund

To date, 37 applications have been approved for 53 courses funded through the Highlands & Islands Learning Fund. Applications are still welcome from unions, but please note **any courses approved** and funded by this round of the Learning Fund must be **finished by 31st August 2011**. Applications to the Learning Fund must be approved by the ESF Advisory Panel (made up of Scottish Union Learning Board members). The Panel meets on a monthly basis and the submission dates for applications for the next three months are by:

- ✦ **Wednesday 5th January 2011** for Panel meeting on 12 January 2011;
- ✦ **Wednesday 26th January 2011** for Panel meeting on 2nd February 2011; and
- ✦ **Wednesday 23rd February** for Panel meeting on 2nd March 2011.

If you have any questions, or would like support to make an application to the Highlands & Islands Learning Fund, contact Pam.

Highlands & Islands ULR Noticeboard

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!).



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Take the Challenge!

Think you know about learning? For the chance to win a £10 book token take the short quiz below and send your answers (by email or post) to Vicky by **28th January 2011**.

1. How many sections does the Highlands & Islands ULR Resource Pack have?
a) 6 b) 8 c) 10
2. What source of funding is used to support the Highlands & Islands Learning Fund?
3. Where could you find a free online Spanish course?
4. What does "3G" stand for?
5. What online survey tool could Scottish Union Learning provide you with to assist you run an online learning survey?

Please send your answers by email to vking@stuc.org.uk or by post to the Scottish Union Learning office by Friday **28th January 2011**.

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