

NUJ masterclass thrills young creatives



NUJ project worker Catherine Deveney took a leading role in the first taught workshop for the NC Creative Industries course, which is supported by Scottish Union Learning. The 18-month pilot course at Inverness College UHI is being delivered predominantly online, and in partnership with the NUJ and BECTU.

The students, who are located across the Highlands and Islands, met for an induction at Inverness College in April. They returned last month for face to face tuition in some subjects, including creating and managing databases.

However, most of the day was devoted to a masterclass from accomplished interviewer Catherine, who counts Donald Trump and Katie Price in the ranks of her celebrity interviewees. Catherine's interactive session mixed professional tips illustrated with anecdotes from her career as a journalist, earning rave reviews from the learners. The next workshop in October will feature industry insights from BECTU on working in film and television.



The students met at Inverness College UHI in April.

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In brief...

SUL Learning Conference 2016

The Scottish Union Learning Conference 2016 will be held on 8 November 2016 in the Marriott Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow. Further details will be issued in due course. Please note that you must have the permission of your union to attend Scottish Union Learning events.

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Scottish Union Learning Board comes to Inverness

The Board of Scottish Union Learning will convene in Inverness on 9 September 2016 to hear more about the work of Highlands and Islands Development Fund projects and activities supported by the Learning Fund. Scottish Union Learning will also meet with its H&I partners on 8 September.

Staff changes

It's goodbye and good luck to Scottish Union Learning Admin Assistant Diana Nicholls who has left to take up a new job opportunity.

H&I Learning Conference helps ULRs get everyone online



ULRs from workplaces across the region including South Uist, Thurso, Lerwick and Orkney, helped make the 9th Annual Scottish Union Learning Highlands and Islands Learning Conference a well-attended and successful event. In a return to its usual June slot, the Conference was held at the new campus of Inverness College UHI with the theme "Unions and Online Learning – Making Learning Accessible

to all." STUC General Secretary Grahame Smith was present to address the Conference which featured speakers including Tara Morrison of Inverness College UHI, who discussed 'The Loneliness of the long-distance Online Learner'. A variety of digital-themed workshops included tutors from The Open University and Inverness College UHI. Jenny Liddell, Manager of See Hear Highland Education & Learning Services, discussed how to make online learning more accessible for people with sight and/or hearing loss.



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HTGR continues successful run at XpoNorth



BECTU's HTGR - 'Hit The Ground Running- Becoming an Effective Freelancer' course – remains one of the most popular features of the XpoNorth creative industries showcase for the Highlands and Islands. Ten young people with ambitions to make a career in film and television signed up for the two-day course, held as part of the festival at Eden Court Theatre last month. Delivered by trainers highly experienced in TV drama and film production, and supported by BECTU Learning Project Worker Alison Goring, HTGR aims to provide prospective new entrants with the skills and knowledge to succeed in entry level roles, typically as "runners", and includes CV and interview techniques. Guest speakers Alan McSheehy and Lindy Cameron are pictured with the class of 2016, above.



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