

Scottish Union Learning

2013 Highlands & Islands ULR Conference

Friday 21 June 2013, Eden Court, Inverness

Union Learning in the Highlands & Islands:
Celebrating the Past, Navigating the Future



in the Highlands and Islands

Conference Programme

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| 09:15 am | Registration and Coffee |
| 09:45 am | Conference Open & Welcome Sylvia O'Grady, Lifelong Learning Manager, Scottish Union Learning |
| 09:50 am | Conference Spotlight |
| 10:00 am | Keynote Address To be advised |
| 10:35 am | Conference Spotlight |
| 10:45 am | Workshops Round 1 (see next page for workshop details) |
| 11:25 am | Tea and Coffee |
| 11:45 pm | Workshops Round 2 (see next page for workshop details) |
| 12:25 pm | Conference Spotlight |
| 12:35 pm | Union Learning 10 Years On: Toasting the Past, Steering the Present, Shaping the Future Grahame Smith, STUC General Secretary |
| 1:15 pm | Conference Spotlight |
| 1.25 pm | Closing Remarks |
| 1:30 pm | Lunch, networking, visit the Exhibitors and enter the prizewinning competition! |
| 3:00 pm | Finish |

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Workshop Round 1

WORKSHOP 1a: Monkey Business!

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Feedback from the 2012 Highlands & Islands ULR Conference showed that ULRs were interested in finding out more about how they could access and use SurveyMonkey, the online survey tool. This workshop will provide a practical demonstration on how ULRs can access (free of charge) and use SurveyMonkey for online surveys, such as learning needs assessments, and other purposes, eg recruiting for courses and allocating course places.

WORKSHOP1b: Camera Shy!

John MacPherson, Inverness College

The advent of mobile phones/IPads has made capturing images and people on camera a commonplace activity. But a lot of photos taken never see the light of day! Would you like to make more use of your photos to promote union learning in your workplace, union and wider press? In this workshop John Macpherson, well-known to many union learners for his inspiring digital photography courses, will share some basic tips and practical advice about taking and downloading photos.

Workshop Round 2

WORKSHOP 2a: The Future is Now

Lorcan Mullen, UNISON Area Organiser

Only 13% of workers between 16 and 24 are in a union and this age group makes up only 5% of all union members. Union learning statistics for the Highlands & Islands show that only 7% of total workers supported are between the ages of 16 and 24. Supporting and organising young people must be a priority for unions. Young workers are not just the future of our movement, they should be active members now. With a specific focus on the Highlands & Islands, this workshop will seek to identify practical steps unions can take to support young trade union activists and organise young workers in the region.

WORKSHOP 2b: Using Individual Learning Accounts (ILAs) to Fund Courses.

Eleanor Adam, Scottish Union Learning

In the last few years there have been a number of changes to ILAs. This workshop will provide up-to-date information about ILAs, covering subjects such as the type of courses funded by ILAs and who is eligible for ILA funding. The workshop will also provide information about the Part-Time Fee Grant (previously known as the ILA £500), who can access it and what it is for.

