



LEARNING AT WORK IN THE SOCIAL HOUSING SECTOR

A SEMINAR for Union Learning Representatives (ULRs), potential ULRs and all those interested in helping others to achieve their full potential

UNISON, UNITE and Asset Skills are hosting a one day seminar for all representatives and members who work in housing. The aim of the seminar is for you to gain a better understanding of the learning agenda and how it can help you and your colleagues at work. The day will provide a great opportunity to find out about training and learning issues connected with housing – in a relaxed and interactive fashion where you can experience some of the learning opportunities yourself.

If you are a UNISON member and interested in attending this free event, please complete and return the attached application form to: Sam Barlow, UNISON, Learning and Organising Services, 1 Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9AJ email: s.barlow@unison.co.uk

*The closing date for returned application forms is: **Friday 12th February 2010***

*Please note that as numbers are limited to **50 UNISON** members, places will be allocated on a first come, first-served basis.*

UNISON will meet travel costs (where applicable) for members attending the event.

DATE: Wednesday 10th March 2010

VENUE: Diskus Centre Unite House , 128 Theobald's Road, London WC1X 8TN

TIMINGS:

09.30 am	Doors open - Registration
10:30 am	Prompt start: Morning session
12.30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Afternoon session
4.00 pm	Close

JOINT CHAIRS:

UNISON – Nick Olgard (Chair, National Housing Forum, Unison)
Unite – Sharon Singleton

PROGRAMME

09:30 am	Arrival / Registration / Refreshments/ Visit stands.
10:30 am	Welcome and Introductions. Confirming the objectives of the day (UNISON Chair)
10:40 am	Skills in the Social Housing Sector in England in 2010: An Overview by Catharine Hinton of Asset Skills. (<i>Starting with Labour Market Information and other data relevant to learning and qualifications in the sector, including key facts and trends – including a wide spread of occupations</i>). Followed by a question and answer session
11:10 am	The Role of the ULR in Housing: Presentation by Unite and UNISON followed by open discussion.
11:30 am	Morning Workshop: What Learning Opportunities are Available and what can we Offer? The workshop will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• what delegates see as the main learning needs of members in the social housing sector and the,• learning and qualification opportunities in social housing – ranging from generic entry level skills to housing specific areas.
12:30 pm	Buffet lunch / networking opportunity
1:30 pm	Introduction to the afternoon (Chair - Sharon Singleton from UNITE)
1:35 pm	A major public sector / private sector / trade union initiative – the Public Service Skills Framework (PSSF): presentation by Richard Foxwell of Asset Skills. Followed by a brief Q&A session
2.00 pm	GET on at WORK Karen Davies of the Tribal Consultancy will explain more about this key component of PSSF and demonstrate the learning material that is being made available free of charge. Followed by a brief Q&A session
2:30 pm	Afternoon Workshop: Organising and Recruitment through Learning and the Means to do it!
3:30 pm	Panel Discussion (Asset Skills, UNISON and UNITE)
3:55 pm	Chair's summary
4:00 pm	Close

UNISON APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and return to:

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Forename:

Surname

Membership Number:

Branch:

Address (for correspondence):

Postcode:

Telephone:

email:

Facilities

Do you have any access requirements? If yes, please give details:

Food

Do you have any special dietary requirement? (please specify):

Signature: _____

Date: _____