



UNISON – helping low paid workers through learning

UNISON's national Learning and Organising Services manages UNISON's partnerships with providers including the WEA and The Open University.

UNISON targets low paid workers and people who have missed out on education first time round. UNISON negotiates time off for learning with employers, and offers a range of courses to members free of charge, including Return to Learn, which tens of thousands of UNISON members have benefited from over the last 20 years.

Get more information about becoming a ULR

For more information about how you can get involved, contact **UNISONdirect** on **0845 355 0845** and ask for the number of your Regional Learning and Development Organiser or Regional Education Officer, or ask your branch for more information about training in your region.

Text phone users can call **UNISONdirect** on **0845 355 0845**. Lines are open from **6am – midnight** and **9 am – 4 pm Saturday**.

Spread the Word

Become a UNISON Union Learning Representative

Help others back into learning and get involved in your UNISON branch.



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UNISON's approach to learning is that getting involved in learning can help branches to recruit new members and activists.

As a Union Learning Rep (ULR) you will not only be helping fellow members and the union you will also enhance your own personal development and learning.

Union Learning Reps have the same rights as stewards and health and safety reps and work alongside them in an increasing number of UNISON branches.

It's easy to get involved!

You can be a ULR if you are interested in:

- Learning with UNISON
- Helping out others who are getting back into learning
- Getting more involved in UNISON
- Working with others in your branch to get your employer to think about training opportunities for UNISON members
- Raising awareness about the learning needs of you and your colleagues
- Helping involve more people in your branch



It's rewarding and interesting!

As a UNISON ULR you will:

- Be part of a regional and national network of over 3000 ULRs involved in a new and developing area of union activity
- Spread the word about UNISON's fantastic learning courses for members, and support and encourage potential learners
- Help build your branch
- Have time off to attend accredited training, with lots of opportunities for further development; and you don't need any qualifications to get started.

You'll be supported

As well as the giving ULRs opportunities for training and development UNISON offers support:

- By encouraging branches to set up branch education teams
- At regional level, with dedicated staff supporting organising around learning with regular networking activities and events
- At national level, with regular publications, new training opportunities and through the Union Learning Fund Learning Equality and Diversity project.

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