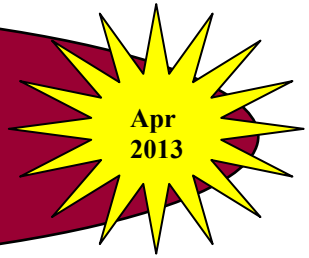


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Adult Learners Week –Learning at Work Day

This years Adult Learners Week will run from 18th to 24th May. On Thursday 23rd there will be a 'Learning at Work Day' which this year has the theme of 'Many Ways to Learn'.

Following the recent Learning Event held at the Museum of London branches may find that they could organise activities where either the BT Archive or the Postal Museum and Archive could be invited to attend at Learning Centres or any other offices or buildings that could accommodate an event.

For more information please contact the RLC Officers or use the following links:

NIACE <http://www.alw.org.uk/>

Campaign for Learning <http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/workplacelearning/lawday/index.asp>

CWU Learning Centre Policies

As part of the current CWU ULF project Ray Atkinson, one of the Learning Project Workers, has been reviewing the current CWU Learning Centre Policies.

In 2010 all the CWU Regions were successful in obtaining the Matrix Accreditation for IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) Services, that ULR's provide to members. The Matrix Accreditation is the national standard for IAG Services and needs to be renewed every three years. Since 2010 there has been a change to the agency responsible for the accreditation and an overall review of the Matrix

Standard has taken place which has resulted in the criteria required for the Matrix Standard being reduced to only four elements.

As the CWU Accreditation has now been in place for three years, and was due for renewal, Ray was given the task of assessing if it was worth continuing with the renewal. There is a fee charged for each region for the process of assessing the services being provided against the criteria set. The result of this assessment leads to the measures being signed off as acceptable and the accreditation being awarded. Ray circulated draft versions of the Learning Centre Policies to all of the Regional Learning Committee Officers in February, and asked for any suggested amendments to be returned to him prior to the LPW/RLC Officers Meeting held in March and that the final versions of the policies would be put in place from the end of March.

Due to the costs involved for the assessment process to be carried out it has been decided that the CWU won't be going through the process of Matrix Accreditation again but will still be providing the same high level of provision of IAG Services in the Learning Centres, and to all CWU members, by adopting the CWU Learning Centre Policies. These need to be available and on display in all Learning Centres.

Ray has been invited to attend the London Region Learning Committee Meeting at Head Office on Thursday 18th April to give a briefing on the new policies, which will then be available and circulated to all Learning Centres.

LEARNING SERVICES FOR LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS

The following services are available to all London Branches.

A new set of flyers are now available advertising the following services. These will be sent out to all branches and ULR's for distribution to members.

- 1) CWU Education & Training website– Lifelong Learning for CWU members
- 2) 'CWU Learning for All' website for London Region Learning Centres
- 3) Dyslexia Assessment Screening
- 4) Regional Learning Resources
- 5) UK Online
- 6) IAG Services

ULR Courses

ULR training at Alvescot Lodge is available on the following dates:

Union Learning Reps Part 1 Course

Monday 10 - Friday 14 June 2013

Union Learning Reps Part 2 Course

Monday 21 - Friday 25 October 2013

Applications can be made at any time. Closing dates TBC.

It would also be possible to arrange Regional ULR training in London if there are enough applicants available to attend.

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