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ULR Networking Event

Park Inn York November 2012

The annual CWU ULR Event was held over two days in York last November. The event was opened by Paul Clays, North East Regional Secretary and on the first day Billy Hayes, General Secretary and Beryl Shepherd CWU President both addressed the meeting.

Trish Lavelle, Head of Education and Training introduced a 'Review of the Year' presented by the RLC Officers from Wales and Scotland which highlighted the range of diverse learning events and services provided to members across all the regions in England, Wales and Scotland.

A series of workshops were arranged for delegates over the two days, and run by the RLC Officers covering the 'ULR Toolkit', 'Hard to Reach Learners', and 'Learning and Equality'.

A new resource for all CWU Reps covering Redundancy and Redeployment Support was presented to the delegates by Phil Sutton. The guidance, called 'Skills for Tomorrow' includes details of how to run a training course to address 'employability skills' such as CV writing and Literacy and Numeracy assessments, for anyone facing redundancy or redeployment and was included in the pack all delegates received.

Awards were given out for the Digital Photography Competition and the Ken McKenzie ULR Award.

On the second day the event continued with Trish Lavelle speaking on 'The Future of CWU Learning' where she explained how the Education and Training Department had made the decision to move away from the reliance on external funding, although the CWU did successfully bid for further ULR money from the government that will run until the end of March 2014. During this period there will be further development of informal learning resources such as 'Wiki Spaces' and 'Moodle'. More informa-

tion regarding these will soon be available.

Dave Ward attended the ULR Event for the first time and spoke of how the E&T Department and the ULR's had delivered courses to up to 7,000 members each year and that the ULR role is now being integrated into branch structure to enhance the services available to members.

BT Group Senior Employee Relations Manager Clare Shenton then addressed the meeting and announced that BT are setting up a learning academy that will start in 2014. There will be four sections to the academy which will use blended learning and lifelong learning and there will be an increase in mentoring. Further details about the event are on the E&T website via the following link:

<http://www.cwu.org/innovation-amp-integration.html>

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>

LEARNING SERVICES FOR LONDON BRANCH MEMBERS

The following services are available to all London Branches.

Further information 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 4 - Friday 8 February 2013

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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