

# Union Learning Fund Project e-update

## Supporting learning representatives to promote a learning culture in the workplace

### Key messages following 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 meeting of Union Learning Fund Project Steering Committee:

1. The Steering Committee met on 30<sup>th</sup> September and reviewed all the workstreams and governance requirements for the project.
2. The first of the workshops for learning reps will focus on 'Learning Needs' and will be delivered in the English regions in November and December on the following dates:

DATE OF WORKSHOP	REGION	VENUE
3 Nov	Northern	Sunderland
4 Nov	Yorkshire & Humber	Leeds
6 Nov	South East	London
17 Nov	South West	Exeter
20 Nov	Eastern	Godmanchester, Cambs.
27 Nov	North West	Bolton
30 Nov	London	London
4 Dec 2010	East & West Midlands	Birmingham

3. The project funds LRs in England to attend the workshops. The workshops are open to the wider activist community if alternative funding for travel and subsistence can be sourced and subject to places being available.
4. A Project Worker and Administrator have been recruited to the team and will be primarily responsible for the organisation and delivery of the workshops.
5. Through work on the Equality Impact Assessment, the Steering Committee has committed to changing attitudes and supporting learners from diverse backgrounds by; recruiting learning representatives from diverse backgrounds, enabling learning representatives to better understand and support learners from diverse backgrounds, researching equality and diversity issues as barriers to learning.
6. The Steering Committee have generated a workplan to promote the role of the RCN learning representative and union learning through a series of regional and national networking events.
7. The Steering Committee have created a simpler activity report to compliment the existing contact sheet which focuses on the one to one contact / support of learners. The report will allow flexibility to record the more varied activities the LR undertakes.
8. The new online community for RCN learning representatives has been launched! You can visit the community on the RCN website by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/communities/specialisms/learningreps>

If you would like more information regarding this project then please feel free to contact either:

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