

Learn Through Aegis

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Aegis Unionlearn Rep Awards 2013



Newcomer of the Year 2013

Aegis the Union introduced Rep Awards for 2013 and Unionlearn was to the forefront with Sandra Easson receiving the very first award as Union Learning Rep for 2013. Another first was the Newcomer of the Year 2013 going to ULR Andy Eaglesham. Both are pictured receiving their awards from Aegis General Secretary Brian Linn.



ULR of the Year 2013



Cooking up Learning Success

Following the successful Spanish and Italian language classes run by Aegis Union Learn, we worked in conjunction with Aramark to design menus around a Spanish & Italian theme. Some of the students then helped cook and then serve it to staff in the Head Office Restaurant. It was deemed a great success, and on the back of this Aramark have agreed to run some cookery classes. Details to follow.

Want to Learn Dutch?

We are looking at running a Dutch for beginners class in head office for a maximum of 12 people, this class will run for ten weeks with the potential to continue if learners would be interested. We would also be happy to arrange other language classes for either lunch time or after work in Head Office if enough people are interested.

Please contact either your Union Learn rep or Maria Clark to discuss.

If you are interested in learning Dutch please contact Maria Clark as soon as possible as places are filling fast.

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Contact Mary to find out more about the "Future Learn" Campaign, as well as the "Numeracy Challenge" starting in January 2014

Rep Training Report by Julie Atkinson

On October 29th & 30th, I went along to Stow College, Glasgow along with Matt Armes, Marion Smith and Andy Eaglesham to the "Supporting and Mentoring Learners" course. This course was run by the Communication Workers Union. The course aims were to help us provide active support for learners, set up study groups for learners, respond to learners' needs and motivate and engage learners. We worked together as a group on the first day, but the second day we were split up to work with people from other companies. This was beneficial as there were a lot of practical tasks each day, so it was helpful to learn what Unionlearn reps elsewhere do to support their learners. Each activity was very focused and the trainers helped keep discussions going by questioning our responses. We considered everything from different methods of helping people understand information and which are appropriate in certain circumstances to setting up and running study sessions. Hopefully we will get to use our newly learned skills in our Unionlearn work by supporting Aegon learners soon.

Italian Language Course

I would recommend the Italian courses. The tutor was excellent and he made the course interesting and fun. We learned some basic conversational and questioning skills. As well as learning a new skill the course gave me the opportunity to meet and get to know some colleagues who shared a love of Italy.

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Ministerial Visit

As we go to print, we are still awaiting an update from the office of the Minister for Youth Employment, Angela Constance MSP on the date her visit will be re-scheduled.

UPDATE ON AEGON SALES.

The Unionlearn project for AEGON sales was able to secure training and development for all those members who approached us following our targeted campaign. We were delighted that the project was able to secure funding for all the courses requested. Most of the staff completed some training and development on accredited courses.

Just for Fun

The response from learners to the AEGIS Unionlearn 'Just for Fun' Project, which offered FREE taster courses with up to 50 hours free learning for each course, was greater than we anticipated. With 245 courses delivered through the project. Following this success we have now been able to negotiate a discount on future training for our members. The AEGIS Unionlearn Project can help you find an accredited course through the National Extension College, and if you are a member of AEGIS then you can get 10% off the course fees.

Please contact Mary O'Brien on 07808540803 or email maryobrien@aegisunionlearn.co.uk to find out more information.