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Hello.

All of our ULRs do fantastic work supporting and promoting learning across many public services. And our learning teams across UNISON are delighted to hear Donald McCombie, Jane Eyre and Bev Herring won ULR awards from unionlearn. Congratulations!

We also delighted to have Emily Sole promoting learning in the Eastern region. Welcome aboard!

Well done also to ULR Ya-Ching Darnell who over many years has helped establish a culture of reading and learning across Merseytravel and many other organisation in Liverpool. Keep up the good work.



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COME AND HELP US LAUNCH READING AHEAD!

UNISON and The Reading Agency are getting together next month to launch the next national Reading Ahead challenge – and we would love to see you there if you can make it on Thursday 13 September.

The guest speaker at the lunchtime event will be best-selling author Ann Cleeves, who will be talking about the eighth and final book in her popular Shetland series, Wild Fire – and copies will be available on the day to buy and have signed.

In addition, Learning and Organising Services (LAOS) will be promoting the celebration booklet of its very first writing competition, which was won by West Berkshire Branch member James Gore.

Unfortunately, we are unable to cover travel or other costs but if you can get here, please RSVP by Monday 20 August 2018 to learningandorganising@unison.co.uk with details of any accessibility and dietary requirements (a buffet lunch is included).

For further information contact: 020 7121 5116



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ULR awards

Three UNISON ULRs won awards at this year's unionlearn annual conference at Congress Centre last month for their exceptional work promoting different aspects of workplace learning.

For the second year in a row, Blackpool Wyre & Fylde Health Branch learning reps Jane Eyre and Bev Herring won the numeracy award for their innovative work engaging learners.

"We're really pleased that we've won it again – it's brilliant. The recognition helps us spread the word more widely within the Trust and get out to the community staff as well as those in hospital settings," Jane says.

Birmingham Branch ULR and Lifelong Learning Co-ordinator Donald McCombie won the supporting older workers award for helping older workers face the challenge of redundancy and redeployment.

"So many of our older workers are being threatened with redundancy and redeployment and change: that's a great worry to them so we reassure them with a set of courses and workshops," Donald says.

● Watch the videos at:
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New RLDO

Since becoming Eastern Regional Learning and Development Organiser last autumn, Emily Sole has been helping branches in all sectors across the region develop sustainable activity on learning.

Supporting ULRs, Lifelong Learning Coordinators and Education Coordinators so that branches can develop effective learning partnerships with their employers is a top priority.

"As well as getting people recruited into the learning activist roles, I'm trying to re-engage previously active ULRs who haven't been so involved recently," Emily says.

Emily is also prioritising building on the apprenticeship work she got underway in the region in a previous role, taking advantage of the higher profile of the issue since the advent of the Apprenticeship Levy.

"We're trying to get an apprentice lead in as many branches as possible – that's a role for which there is further training available, which is another element of this sustainable approach," Emily says.

Branches in the Eastern Region who want to extend their work on learning can contact Emily at E.Sole@unison.co.uk.



Reading rewards

Merseylearn celebrated supporting more than 100 participants from a range of Liverpool-based organisations complete this year's Reading Ahead challenge with a major lunchtime event last month.

Reading Ahead encourages participants to read and review six different titles (books, poems, magazines, online resources).

Completers were issued with their certificates at the event, which also featured a birthday cake marking the decade-long partnership between Merseytravel and Reading Ahead.

This year, 113 staff in total from Merseytravel, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority and The Beatles Story completed the challenge, including Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram, who was presented with his completion certificate by UNISON learning rep Ya-Ching Darnell and Learning & Workforce Development Officer Hazel Marsh.

Ya-Ching was also one of two of five Merseytravel Creative Writing Exchange learners to receive their certificates at the event from Chloe Hynes, from the Northern Professional Exchange, PD North.

The group have been Trailblazers developing a two-month course writing about positive mental health and well-being.

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