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Hello.

If you plan to run learning activity during Get Online Week, please contact us so we can help promote it for you. And if you are at a loss about what to do, why not use the **SkillCheck** and **Wranx** online learning platforms that offer assessments and learning activities? You could cover the cost of a room to run your session using the **Kickstart** fund. Please contact the team for more details.

If you have not already signed up, there are still places for our exciting ULR conference on Thursday 7 November.

We are delighted to have Stevie and John join the team – all the better for us all to help build a brighter future for all.



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Martin Russo, Inclusive Learning Project Manager

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Help shape our future

You can help shape the future of UNISON learning by taking part in our rescheduled ULR conference on Thursday 7 November at UNISON Centre in London.

In the morning, we will unveil the findings of UNISON's Skills for the Future survey, the biggest of its kind to have been run in the country; while in the afternoon, we will be launching new workshops and resources to help reps promote learning.

To apply for your free place, please complete the **application form**, get it authorised by your branch and return it by **email** or post.

GET ONLINE WEEK

We have lots of resources to help you encourage members to improve their digital skills during Get Online Week this month, which runs from Monday 14 to Sunday 20 October.

Why not use our **Digital Skills Learning Surveys** and find out what digital skills your colleagues want to develop?

There's also our **Wranx** Rights for Young Workers or Menopause in the Workplace courses, which take just 2–3 minutes per day, or one of the thousands of free **OpenLearn** courses from The Open University (OU).

You can also use Get Online Week's own resources, including a great bingo card designed to get people trying something new online.

Share your Get Online Week activity with us by tagging **@unisonlearning** and **#GetOnlineWeek** on Twitter.

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Training pilot

UNISON members and reps at the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) became some of the first people to try the government's new digital jobs and skills service, Get Help to Retrain, this summer.

The first part of the National Retraining Scheme (NRS) to go live, Get Help to Retrain is designed to help people identify the skills they already have, find training courses to gain the skills they need and explore local job opportunities.

UNISON learning rep Norman Hunter initially put together a group of eight staff, including union reps, to work with the digital service, with the group expanding to 25 over the course of the pilot phase. He also encouraged all LCRCA staff to take a look at the website and leave feedback.

Members who want to explore how Get Help to Retrain could help them can log on to the beta version of the service at: <https://bit.ly/2mdPLxc>. Users unable to go online can call free on 0800 051 0459.



Meet Stevie ...

Stevie Millward brings her 12 years' experience as a comprehensive school teacher, where she taught English and media from Key Stage 3 to A Level, to her new role as Learning and Workforce Development Officer (LWDO).

"I have a knowledge of how people learn and the importance of education, as well as an understanding of the education sector and our members who work within it," she says.

Stevie was attracted to the new job because she would still be based in education and training. "I was still getting a chance to impact people's lives and perhaps, in a way, reach some of those people I had not been able to reach in the school setting," she says.

Stevie will be focused on developing UNISON's member learning offer, including the union's partnership with The Open University (OU); digital inclusion; mental health and wellbeing; and online training. She will also be the lead LWDO for schools and local government.



... and John

After developing through learning during 25 years in health and social care, John Finnegan is looking forward to promoting learning to UNISON members in his new role as Learning and Workforce Development Officer (LWDO).

"My passion is around lifelong learning – I started out many years ago as a humble healthcare assistant on a paediatric ward and I've always strived to build on my own professional development through learning," he says.

"I've always been a UNISON member and now this is an opportunity to support people to get the best opportunities they can within the public sector."

In his new role, John will be specialising in developing UNISON's member learning offer, leading on our partnership with the Workers' Educational Association (WEA), both the one-day courses and the longer Return to Learn and Women's Lives courses.

He will be working with ULRs and Lifelong Learning Coordinators (LLCs) and is also the new LAOS lead for the health care service group.

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