

Dates for your diary...

Black History Month. Thursday 1–Saturday 31 October. Promotes knowledge of Black history, culture and heritage. Run by Black History Month UK. [Click here](#)

Dyslexia Week. Monday 5–Sunday 11 October. Raises awareness of dyslexia. This year's theme is: **dyslexia creates** – looking at the power of dyslexia to create ideas, organisations and society. Run by the British Dyslexia Association. [Click here](#)

World Mental Health Day. Saturday 10 October. Promotes mental health and raises awareness about the issues associated with mental illness. Run by the Mental Health Foundation. [Click here](#)

Help your members get learning online

We've developed a strong portfolio of online opportunities that thousands of members have been taking part in over the past few months. But now that more of us are adjusting to the so-called 'new normal', more members may be ready to learn something new but worried that they may have missed the boat.

Our message to all our members, and the ULRs that support them, is that you can start online learning today or tomorrow or next week – and UNISON will be there to support you. Here are some of the opportunities that are available through Learning and Organising Services.

● Check your levels

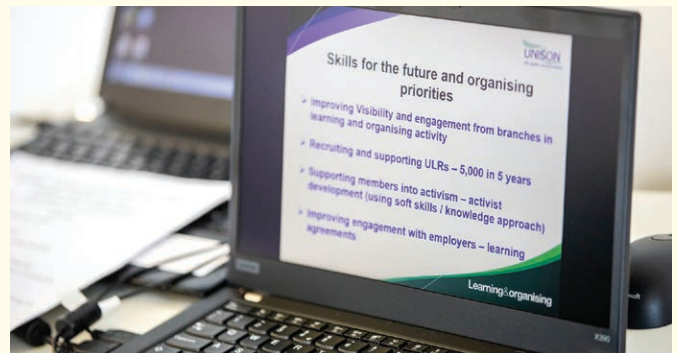
Use unionlearn's SkillCheck self-assessment tool to identify the right level for you in English, maths and ICT. Plus there are modules on everyday finances, grammar and staying safe online, as well. <https://bit.ly/3g4X2Go>

● Learn the drill

Brush up your English and maths using the daily drills that Wranx customises just for you with just a few minutes every day. You can also use Wranx to improve your mental health or menopause awareness, as well as many other topics. <https://bit.ly/30Rz1Mp>

● Value your skills

If you're thinking about going for a promotion or trying for a completely new role, use unionlearn's Value My Skills digital tool to help you identify all



the skills you already have – including the ones you might not have thought of. <https://bit.ly/3eZfWNn>

● Find a course

Study for free up to Level 2 on more than 500 different online courses through our latest partnership with the Staff Skills Academy. Check out the full course list on the link below and once you're ready to start, simply email learningandorganising@unison.co.uk to request a Staff Skills Academy account, quoting 'Skills Academy' in the email subject line. <https://bit.ly/32WxSG2>

● Plan your future

Put new together a new plan for the future using one of six free online courses from The Open University (OU). Or use one of the other five courses to prepare for roles in healthcare, social care or school; look at what you need to take part in the voluntary sector; or start your own business. They're all broken down into learner-friendly sections and only takes around 15 hours to complete. <https://bit.ly/2X1JDr1>

▶ **Next edition:** get set for Stars in our Schools on Friday 27 November!