

inclusive learning

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Stars in our Schools

We're celebrating Stars in Our Schools once again this year on Friday 27 November 2020.

Although we won't be able to organise the usual tea parties or coffee mornings, there are still lots of things we can do to help remind school staff how much we value the contribution they make all year round.

We've produced assembly templates for primary and secondary schools, poster templates, press release templates, template letters to head teachers and a wide range of graphics.

You can find them all **here**.

Help save union learning

UNISON is urging the government to reverse its decision to axe the Union Learning Fund (ULF) and preserve the vital lifeline that helps 200,000 workers every year improve their skills, progress in their jobs and boost their employers' productivity.

● Sign the petition

Already more than 35,000 people have signed the petition to save the ULF. You can add your own signature by **clicking here**.

And don't forget to circulate it to your learners, branch members and the providers you work with to help bring learning into the workplace.

● Get the facts

The TUC campaign launch page includes a whole list of key facts and useful statistics about the value of the ULF, including the net benefits to individual learners, to their employers and to the Treasury. To use these stats in your campaigning, **click here**.

● Write to your MP

You can follow up the petition by writing to your MP with your own personal story about how the ULF has made a difference in your life. Personal testimony will get your email or letter noticed and is always the most effective way of communicating about the potential impact of political decisions.

You can find your MP's parliamentary office email by **clicking here**.

You can also use the TUC's template. All you need to do is add your own name and address.



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Complete the template by **clicking here**.

● Lobby your employer

Talk to your employer about what they stand to lose if the government pushes ahead with its plan to close the ULF. Encourage them to write to the Secretary of State for Skills Gavin Williamson MP urging him to reverse the decision.

● Help collect individual testimonies

Members who have taken part in union learning can tell their stories using a new online survey. Those stories will then be available for unionlearn to use to support the campaign to secure the funding of this vital funding. To tell their stories members can simply **click here**.

● Use social media

Post about the campaign to save the ULF on your Facebook page, Tweet about it, post to Instagram. Use the hashtag #SaveUnionLearning and make it more easier for people to find your posts and share and re-tweet them to spread the message.