

## **Training for Schools Workers – Site managers, Caretakers and Janitors**

Lifelong learning is a great way to keep your mind active and good for your mental wellbeing. Whether you want to learn for your current job role, are thinking about a change of career or for your own interest, we have compiled a list of online and distance learning courses with a focus on continuous personal development. Most of these options are free, so won't hurt your bank balance and the others offer discounts for you as a UNISON member.

This list of courses is not exhaustive, there are many more interesting learning opportunities available with each of these providers, but these courses will give you a good starting point.

Courses, both online and in person, are also available to UNISON members and activists via our UNISON college and your regional education teams. For more information about courses available, please click on the following links to visit [the UNISON college's website](#) and [your regional education team's website](#).

### **UNISON's Skills for Schools**

Skills For Schools is an online guide to careers, training and development for all our members working in schools. It offers guidance on training that may help you progress in your current role or enable you to move on to a different role within your school.

Please click on the following link for more information, [Skills for Schools](#).

### **UNISON e-learning – free to UNISON members**

UNISON e-learning has a number of online learning resources for our members and activists.

There is a schools focused e-note called "Coping with care: dealing with healthcare needs in schools" to more generic e-notes such as "U in UNISON: how your union works", "Staying Strong, stress management and "Your skills, Your future".

For more information, please follow the link, [UNISON college - e-learning](#)

### **Staff Skills Academy – free to UNISON members**

The Staff Skills Academy offers hundreds of free online courses to UNISON members. Whether you want to do something for your professional or personal development. They have something to suit everyone.

If you would like to access UNISON College's Skills Academy learning platform, please click on the following link to see a list of courses available and how to register for any account, [UNISON College - Staff Skills Academy](#)

## E-Careers – offer a 20% discount to members

E-Careers offer a range of professional courses from book-keeping, business analysis, health and safety, project management and IT & Networking.

Take a look at their website, [UNISON college and e-careers](#) to see the courses on offer. If you are interested in one of their courses, you can apply for your discount by visiting the UNISON college website, [UNISON college and e-careers discount code](#).

## Digital Unite – free to all

Digital Unite offer free IT materials and user guides, [www.digitalunite.com/technology-guides](http://www.digitalunite.com/technology-guides)

## OpenLearn : OU – free to all

OpenLearn is the Open University's free learning platform, with hundreds of courses from introductory to advanced and includes study skills modules to ease you into online learning. Below are some examples of the courses to get you started.

[The home of free learning from the Open University | OpenLearn - Open University](#)

<u>Study Area</u>	<u>Course Name and Link</u>
Professional development and school focused	<a href="#">Integrated safety, health and environmental management: An introduction</a>
	<a href="#">Health and safety in the laboratory and field</a>
	<a href="#">The economics of flood insurance   OpenLearn - Open University</a>
	<a href="#">Supporting children's mental health and wellbeing</a>
	<a href="#">OLCreate: NNCO TA Supporting children's development</a>
Leadership and Management	<a href="#">Understanding management: I'm managing thank you!</a>
	<a href="#">Inclusive Leadership: Effecting change   OpenLearn - Open University</a>
English, maths, digital and study skills	<a href="#">Digital skills: succeeding in a digital world</a>
	<a href="#">Everyday maths 1</a>
	<a href="#">Data analysis: hypothesis testing</a>
	<a href="#">English: skills for learning</a>
	<a href="#">OLCreate: NNCO Careers Planning a better future</a>

These courses are not intended to replace your employer's statutory training responsibilities and you should always refer to your employer's policies. If you are unsure of the training you should be receiving at work, speak to your local UNISON rep or union learning rep.