

Online Training for schools – Catering Staff

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 an 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

[The Open University's OpenLearn – free to all](#)

OpenLearn is the Open University's free learning platform, with hundreds of courses from introductory to advanced, including study skills modules to ease you into online learning. Below are some examples of 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>
Career development and school focused CPD	The science of nutrition and healthy eating
	Eating for the environment
	Children and young people: food and food marketing
	Childhood in the digital age
	Primary education: listening and observing
Leadership and Management	Managing and managing people
	Working in diverse teams
Digital skills	Introduction to cyber security: stay safe online
	Digital skills: succeeding in a digital world
English, numeracy and study skills	Everyday maths 2
	Data analysis: visualisations in Excel
	Succeed with learning
	Essay and report writing skills

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.