

UNION LEARNING REPRESENTATIVE (ULR)

EXCITING DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Branch and Trust were recently successful in a joint bid for funding to promote learning for staff, and we are looking for interested Unison members to work with us on this project.

We are now recruiting Union Learning Representatives whose role will be to meet with staff and colleagues in their workplaces, to identify any training needs or personal development desires that they may have, to help them to find suitable training courses and to offer support when and where necessary to help with their career development. The training opportunities and support you will offer is primarily intended for staff in Bands 1-4, although other opportunities may exist for people in higher bands. Training and support is available to all qualifying staff in the Trust, whether a member of a trade union or not.

This is a very rewarding position and gives union members a chance to get more involved with work in their Union and with their Trust, whilst not being 'on the Front Line' as far as employment issues are concerned. You will link in with the other ULRs forming a network offering support and guidance across the whole Trust. It also enables ULRs to consider their own career aspirations and possible opportunities to develop additional skills to enable progression into a different field of work.

In order to become a ULR you will need to be a member of Unison. If you're not yet a member but you would like to become a ULR, joining Unison is easy.

Full training as a ULR will be arranged. This consists of a 5 day course run by the TUC, which will be funded for you, and you will be entitled to paid time off work to attend.

The Trust has made a commitment to support this project, and will ensure you have adequate release time in which to carry out this important role.

Additionally, you may have the opportunity to take related courses such as an NVQ in Information, Advice and Guidance at level II or III, which is a recognised qualification.

If you are interested in becoming a ULR, or would like more information, please contact Tim Killick, Branch ULR Officer and Project Manager. Email: tkillick@eeas-unison.com