



# GMB Regional Union Learning Committee Newsletter December 2013

**YORKSHIRE AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE**

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## Dedicated to Adult Learning

**Welcome** to the first ever Regional Union Learning Committee newsletter!

The Inaugural Regional Union Learning Committee was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at Grove Hall in Wakefield.

At the meeting David Wallace (C40 Branch) was elected as Chair, Angela Cooper (L18 Branch) as Deputy Chair and Sarah Barnes (S38) as Secretary. Martin Wilks (YO25 Branch) is also a valuable member of the new committee. Tom Henthorn and Dave Pike (COP Team) were in attendance as visitors. Tom's advice on how the committee could be steered was invaluable and we made a good start.

Discussions were had around raising the profile of union learning in the GMB by means of newsletters and articles in the Pulse. Supporting people with Dyslexia in learning was identified as a target for the committee and ideas for future ULR Forums were discussed.



### Why a new Committee?

The GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Regional Union Learning Committee has been formed with the purpose of establishing the priorities of the GMB's regional learning agenda, and organising the union to meet these priorities.

The aims of the committee will be:

- To increase the uptake of adult learning
- To organise the GMB and build up its profile in workplaces and communities through learning
- To increase union membership
- To encourage members to become Union Learning Representatives
- To encourage branches to elect ULR Officers
- To increase the profile of union learning within the GMB
- To keep up-to-date with and provide regional strategies for current learning issues and initiatives
- To work alongside key partners such as the GMB's ULF projects, training providers, the TUC and Unionlearn

### Additional Delegates Needed

The Committee needs more ULRs to join the committee. Each GMB branch in the Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region will be entitled to nominate one delegate to the committee. (It is desirable but not mandatory that the delegate be the branch's ULR Officer).

This committee can make a real difference by steering the Region's learning agenda and increase the uptake of adult learning, thus changing lives for the better. (And we're a friendly bunch!)

If you would like to be on the committee, please contact Sarah Barnes.

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