



UPDATE FOR LEARNING ACTIVISTS 2026



FREE MEMBER LEARNING

SUSTAINABLE FOUNDATIONS

"Nature & Wellbeing"

FREE 5th March
12:00-13:30 | MS Teams
LUNCH & LEARN WITH US

Learn:

- Easy ways to connect and reflect
- Exploring the value of nature
- Positive actions for nature restoration at home and at work

Registration:
'Sustainable Foundations' mini-series, a sequence of sessions to help you to embed action for nature and climate at home and at work, inspiring a culture of better practices for a healthier future.

(SW UNISON Members only)

Register Now!

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southwest.unison.org.uk/member-learning/





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FREE MEMBER LEARNING

SELF CARE WORKSHOP

Sustainable strategies for busy lives

FREE 12th MAY
12:30 - 14:00 | ZOOM
LUNCH & LEARN WITH US

Learn:

- Re-framing self-care
- Where is your energy really going?
- Practical self-care that fits real life
- The small tweaks you can make for better self-care
- Your own self-care plan

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Limited spaces!
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FREE MEMBER LEARNING

SELF CARE WORKSHOP

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FREE 13th May
18:00-19:30 | ZOOM
EVENING LEARNING

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SELF CARE WORKSHOP

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FREE 17th June
18:00-19:30 | ZOOM
EVENING LEARNING

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FREE MEMBER LEARNING

SELF CARE WORKSHOP

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FREE 19th June
12:30-14:00 | ZOOM
LUNCH & LEARN WITH US

Learn:

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Member Learning coming up! – UNISON South West

southwest.unison.org.uk/member-learning/


LEARNING IN YOUR BRANCH

If your branch would like to organise learning for your members let me know.

We have a range amazing UNISON Courses , learning affiliates and learning providers to offer some fantastic learning in your local area.



**FREE Learning for UNISON Members
2026**



Quarter 2: May-August

learning.unison.org.uk

UNISON College

FREE to all members whether being offered regionally or Nationally via UNISON College. A range of offers are ran for all members or for regional focus.

[View here](#)



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Education 2026
"LEARN. ORGANISE. WIN."



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Regional Activist Programme

For all activists / Active members . Fees covered by branches who are paying via regional education levy or pay as you go. Course fees explained on page 5. Special events and seminars are not included under the levy.

southwest.unison.org.uk/activist-education/




**ENGAGING MEMBERS
THROUGH
LEARNING**
2026

southwest.unison.org.uk/member-learning/



Regional Member Learning

We work with a number of providers and affiliates. Should branches want to organise a more localised offer, branches can discuss funding these. All learning is free to members.

[View here](#)

FREE ONLINE LEARNING FOR MEMBERS

Members can
access learning
through UNISON
college – online.



learning.unison.org.uk/events/

Get Acti>e

In UNISON we rise
organising to build strength and solidarity

**BRANCH
OFFICER
TRAINING**

Get Active 2026 , Croyde

Aimed at new activists , members looking to get more involved. new stewards or recently trained stewards. Preference is given to members who have not been before.

15-17th May - All inclusive event , meals and accommodation , branches will need to cover travel.

Charge to branches: £389 pp (child care inc)
(note: not included in branch levy)

Branch Officer Training 2026

SAVE THE DATE: 9-12 July, Croyde.

For new officers to undertake training for the role.
More information on this event will be sent out soon.

SEMINAR WELFARE OFFICERS

Designed to enhance your skills and knowledge, empowering Welfare officers to support members in times of need.

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Why register?

Learn more about:

- What services are available
- How BWOs go about assisting members to apply
- What is the application process
- Details of any additional information or aids available for BWO's such as when to signpost etc.

Speakers:

- Elizabeth Wischhusen - Head of UNISON Welfare
- Luke Everitt - Welfare Case Worker
- Debi Potter - Vice Chair for Board of Trustees UNISON Welfare



Saturday 25th April 2026

10:00am- 16:00pm



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Aimed at Branch Welfare Officers and aspiring Branch Welfare Officers.

Join us for this practical, interactive session which focuses on strengthening how you and your colleagues support members and their families when life gets tough. You will hear from There for You trustees, national There for You officers, gain information on welfare support affiliates. The day will finish with dedicated time for discussion and shared learning.

<https://UNISONbwo-seminar-april2026.eventbrite.co.uk>

Speakers ,learning and networking

£25.00 per person - Lunch provided.

REGIONAL LEARNING SURVEY LAUNCH

Hot of the press... Regional Learning survey

500 responses

140 Follow up requests

100 requests for Careers Advice & guidance

Member expressed an interest in getting back in to learning in person

Only 35% of the members who responded said they knew about the UNISON Learning offer

UNISON LEARNING REP TRAINING 2026

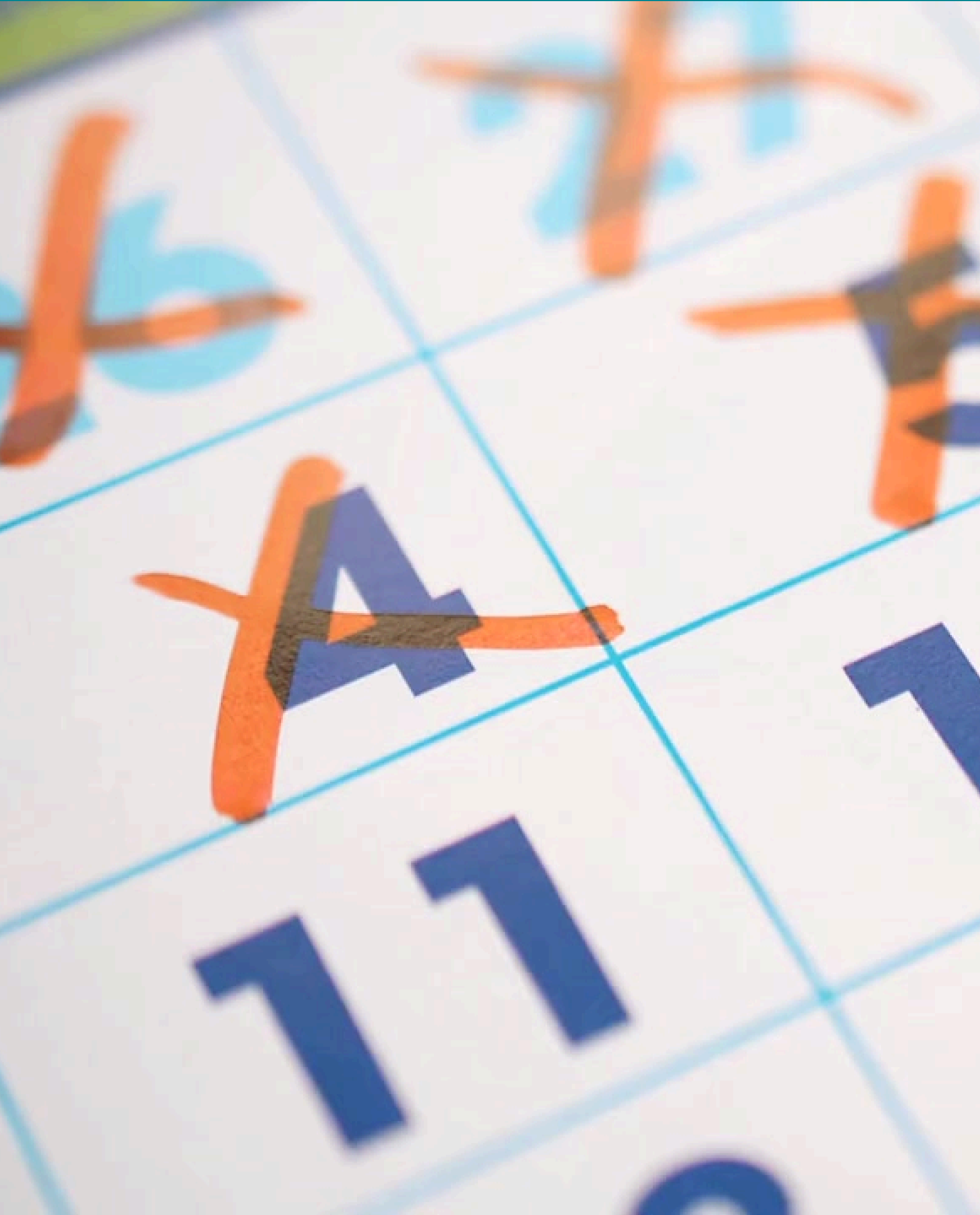
Are you a newly elected learning rep or do you have untrained learning reps in your branch?



UNISON Learning Rep
30TH JUNE, 1ST & 2ND JULY | BRISTOL

Training in Bristol this June – NOW BOOKING!!

<https://ULRSWSummer26.eventbrite.co.uk>



Learning Café dates 2026





Learning Café dates for 2026

For learning reps to get together from across the whole of UNISON.

Friday 17 April	🕒 12:00 noon – 13.30pm
Tuesday 2 June	🕒 14:00pm – 15.30pm
Tuesday 14 July	🕒 10:00am – 11.30am
Wednesday 9 September	🕒 10:00am – 11.30am
Thursday 22 October	🕒 14:00pm – 15.30pm
Tuesday 1 December	🕒 12:00 noon – 13.30pm

If you already receive invitations to the Learning Café, you don't need to do anything.
If you don't, and would like to join us, you can [sign up on our website](#).



FURTHER LEARNING FOR ACTIVE REPS

We're delighted to announce that in 2026 UNISON College will be offering a series of webinar-style development sessions for UNISON learning reps.

They'll explore issues identified by learning reps themselves, including neurodiversity awareness, equality awareness, negotiating skills for working with employers, and more.

DEVELOPMENT FOR ULRS

Wednesday 11 March

learning.unison.org.uk/events/a-history-of-trade-unions-and-education-ulr-follow-on-development-session/

Tuesday 21 April

learning.unison.org.uk/events/digital-communications-for-learning-reps-ulr-follow-on-development-session/

Thursday 18 June

Weds 8 July

Tuesday 15 September

Thursday 29 October

Further details will be sent soon.....

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**Wednesday 11 March
12:00–13:00pm**

A History of Trade Unions and Education (ULR follow-on development session)

**“Unions have always been involved in education.”
But is that really true?**

As Union Learning Reps, many of us share a sense that the work we do is part of a long tradition in the union movement. Others may believe it’s something relatively modern. This webinar explores the historical roots of union learning and places the role of today’s Union Learning Reps in a wider context.

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21 April
12:00–13:00pm

Digital Communications for Learning Reps (ULR follow-on development session)

This webinar is for trained union learning reps (ULRs) who would like to explore new ways of promoting learning and communicating with members.

In an ever-shifting digital world, it can be hard to know how we can best keep in touch with the members we're trying to help. But we don't have to be on top of every social media trend, and we don't have to be going viral every week; we just need to make sure that our message of the power of union learning reaches those who can benefit from it. In this session we'll explore some ways of doing that, and, knowing that one size doesn't fit all, start to make a plan that will work for your branch and workplace.

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UNISON Learning Conference 2026



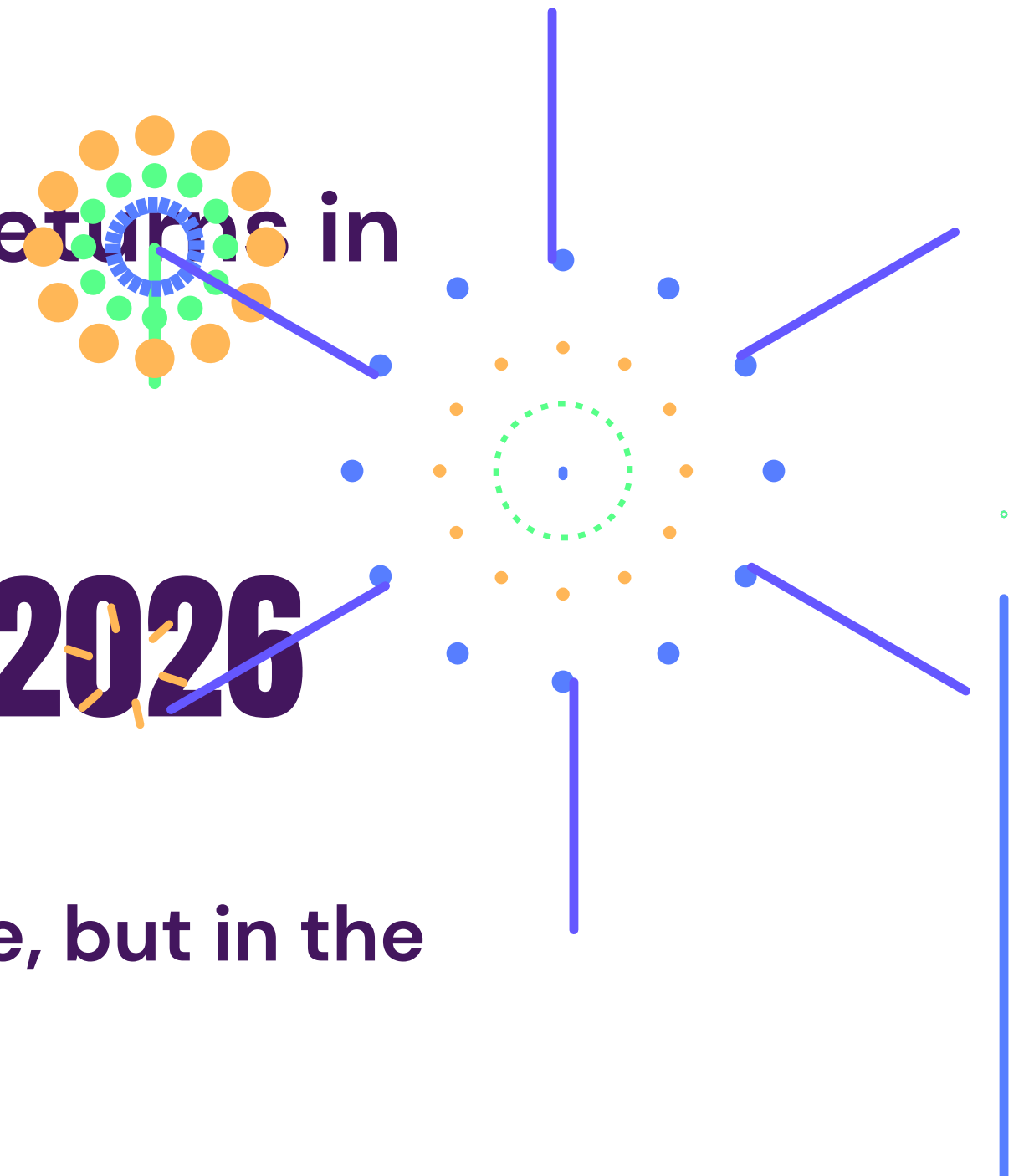
UNISON learning rep conference 2026

Exciting news!

Our UNISON learning rep conference returns in person :

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Further details will be available closer to the time, but in the meantime, save the date!





IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ME

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Dedicated support for member learning and
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