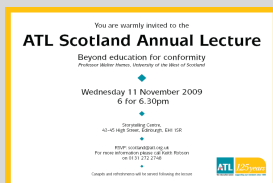


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CPD survey feedback

Thank you to everyone who responded to the request for assistance with the CPD Survey from Keith Robson, National Official (Scotland) as part of his MA research project with Edge Hill University.

Given the time of year when the survey was launched we received a very favourable 10% response rate with members giving us some very useful feedback on their expectations and experiences of CPD activity. Here are just some of the headline responses:

- ✓ 74% of respondents either 'strongly or moderately agreed' that CPD has had a positive impact on their classroom practice in the last 12 months
- ✓ 28% of respondents had been involved in setting the agenda for CPD in their school
- ✓ 59% of respondents were more likely to attend an ATL Scotland CPD Seminar if it was held on a midweek evening – Wednesday evening being most favourable option
- ✓ 83% of respondents said 'online provision' would be more likely to lead to their participation
- ✓ 98% of respondents said 'local provision' would be more likely to lead to their participation

Timing, location, relevance, subject matter and the ability to get time-off work all featured heavily in responses as to the influences on attending a CPD Seminar.

Being a Union Learning Rep

A Union Learning Rep (ULR) is a Union representative who is trained and accredited to work with employers and staff on training and learning in the workplace. Any ATL member, working full-or part-time, can be a ULR.

We are actively seeking our first trained Union Learning Rep (ULR) in Scotland. Are you interested in becoming a ULR in your school or becoming the Scotland Branch ULR and assisting with the CPD Seminars? Having ULRs would assist members seeking the local provision of CPD referred to in the survey responses.

ATL is running a three-day course in London which introduces members to core responsibilities and skills of a ULR. The course covers:

- The roles, rights and responsibilities of a ULR;
- Identifying learning needs, providers and funding;
- Legal rights of a ULR

ULRs have the right to reasonable paid time off to carry out their duties and training as long as they have completed the accredited ATL training. Upon completion of the course you will need to notify your school you have received the appropriate accreditation.

The course will be held on 19&20 November and 22 January in London. Your travel expenses will be paid and accommodation will be provided.

Further information on the course is available at <http://www.atl.org.uk/training-and-events/reps-courses/union-learning-reps-course.asp> and to book a place on the course please contact Tim Brooks: tbrooks@atl.org.uk



Glasgow's world famous and newly re-furbished Kelvin Grove Art Gallery & Museum

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**Wednesday 11th November
2009 - The Story Telling
Centre, Edinburgh**

**Professor Walter Humes
"Beyond education for
conformity"**

This lecture will argue that, although education has been on the political agenda in recent years, the terms of the debate have been too narrow and have failed to connect sufficiently with the major social, political and economic issues facing the 21st century.

To reserve a place at any of the events email Scotland@atl.org.uk or call 0131 272 2748

"CPD with a Difference" Wednesday 25th November 2009

Fancy a private tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum?

This unique CPD opportunity will be restricted to 20 members due to the nature of the private tour. Whilst going for a meal is not compulsory after the event we sincerely hope that you will join us as there is as much to be learnt from the informal part of the evening by talking to one's peers as there is during the tour. ATL Scotland will be making a contribution to the cost of the meal and as always the event itself is free and all reasonable travel expenses reimbursed.

CPD Find

ATL Scotland is a member of the CPD Network facilitated by the National CPD team. If you haven't already been on their Website we would heartily recommend it.

<http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/cpdscotland/index.asp>

One of the key features of the website is a database called **CPD FIND**. The A-Z database allows you to search for CPD opportunities all over Scotland. You can:

- *search for CPD opportunities using keywords and/or key categories such as leadership and professional skills
- *make a wish list of opportunities for your CPD plan
- *search for different types of CPD such as professional reading and action research.

ATL's professional development programme 2009-10

At the end of last term, all paying members received a copy of the new Professional Development Programme for 2009/10.

There was an unprecedented response from members with nearly two-thirds of courses we're offering this year taken up within the first three weeks. Demand has been high and members have been keen to take up the national learning opportunities that are a part of ATLs Learning and Development Programme.

We are also happy to report that the first online ATL course is now full. The Leadership skills course has received an unprecedented level of interest.

There are, however, some places still available for courses this term – For a full list of courses, please go to

<http://www.atl.org.uk/training-and-events/members-courses/courses-for-members.asp>

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