



it pays to learn

PCS members using ILA Scotland

PCS ULRs teamed up with Glenco Development Solutions - a division of Adam Smith College - to offer European Computing Driving Licence (ECDL) training and testing to members working at Jobcentreplus in Edinburgh.

Members had been encouraged to tap into their ILA Scotland funding to assist in paying for the course. In order to help members through the application process, the PCS ULRs applied for each member's funding using the online application form.

The ECDL course has been running successfully via blended learning. This consists of providing learning in the form of workbooks and web based materials supplemented with workshops held in the workplace. The ULRs felt that this method of learning was most suited to the members' work / life balance.

The course is now well underway with everyone extremely happy not only with the learning but the ease of accessing their ILA Scotland funding. Ewan Ingram, a PCS member, is one of the course participants;

"I had considered doing an ECDL course for quite some time, both to help get more from my own laptop, and to possibly impress prospective employers. When I heard PCS Union Learning Reps Dave McConnell and Jocky Whittlestone helped organise some ECDL courses I signed up for the first class. The ILA Scotland application process went through smoothly and with no hassle after the Learning Reps initial online application.

My class has met only once so far as it's distance learning, but fortunately I already knew one person in the class who I can email, to bounce ideas off. I'm thoroughly enjoying the course and steadily working through it."

This is an excellent example of how ULRs through working in partnership with the college and using the ILA Scotland online application have increased access to learning for their members.

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