

Nudge Nudge

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Stay ahead of the game

The NUJ is keen to see its members take full advantage of modern technology which has transformed our industry and working practices.

The union has a fully equipped learning suite at Headland House and runs courses tailored to our work.

For instance, for subs there is advanced Quark Xpress or an introduction to Photoshop. For writers, there's a course on how to use the web effectively for researching articles.

For designers, there are courses on Illustrator, FreeHand and InDesign

The Government – with help from Apple – has helped to ensure the union is properly resourced. But now the union is looking for chapel learning reps to make help members access the resources.

Ideally it is looking for people in various departments. The benefits are obvious. You get skilled help to learn about the latest technology and then have the reward of linking other members into it.

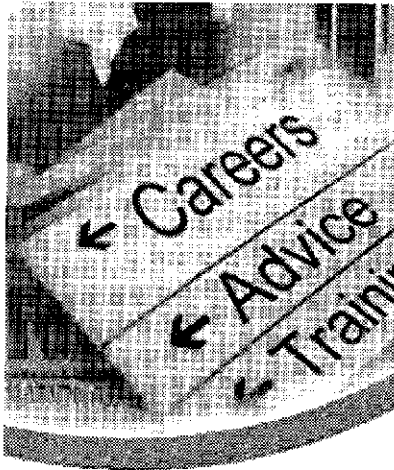
For more information about the NUJ's training, you can go to: <http://www.nujtraining.org.uk/> which also provides information about what being a learning rep entails.

Union learning representatives have helped thousands of members change their lives for the better.

There have been many successful projects, usually in partnership with employers and learning providers, and often backed with government money from the Union Learning Fund.

Last year learning reps were recognised by law. They now enjoy the right to paid time-off to train and to carry out their duties. Over the next 10 years, the union is aiming to train many new union learning representatives. You could be one of them.

Throughout Britain, union learning reps are expected to help half a million union members into learning. If you



would like to be a learning rep, contact

LindaK@nuj.org.uk The union will train its learning reps. Through its links with the TUC it has developed a learning rep course specifically designed for NUJ members. This course is available in a classroom setting or you can do it on-line, whichever is the most convenient for you. Additional training will be available when you need it.

Once you have got the basic level of training, you will be invited to regular workshops at head office in London, around the country and also on line via the website.

There will be a dedicated area on the training website

for Learning Reps. You will have access to a chat room and a forum specifically for Learning Reps. There will also be up to the minute information regarding developments.

And there is the NUJ's own team in the Training Department (**training@nuj.org.uk**) who are on hand to answer any particular questions you may have, and to offer more specialist advice.

Chapel date

The NUJ's professional training manager Linda King is planning to come into the office to address the chapel about training and to hear from members about their aspirations.

