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GMB Lifelong Learning Special: 2021

Welcome to GMB Learn

Here you can find all the learning opportunities available to you as part of your GMB membership. From free accredited qualifications to bursaries for study, you'll find everything you need to help you develop both in and out of work.

GMB Union believes in Lifelong Learning for all. We know that finances often make it difficult for members to access development opportunities, which is why we have set up a National Lifelong Learning Fund so all GMB members have the opportunity to learn.

Any GMB member can apply for a bursary of up to £300 per year for their studies and you can apply for any area of study. To apply follow the button below to GMB Lifelong Learning.

Enter the GMB Lifelong Learning Fund

In order for a member to enrol on any of these platforms they must sign in with their membership number & password.

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Regional Lifelong Learning Committee

Currently we have 46 Union Learner Representatives on the Committee from branches around the region and we meet every 8 weeks.

Our purpose is to promote learning and assist members to secure funding for their personal development in education and in gaining qualifications, up-skilling or re-skilling. We also aim to recruit ULRs and to recruit and retain members.

Due to the Government's devastating decision to cut Union Learning funding on the 31 March 2021, we need to work together to keep the learning offer available for all our members.

In the region we have 68 branches, and the Committee would like a ULR or someone with learning interest from every branch to nominate themselves to sit on the Committee; it's where we share best practices and keep all the branches up to date with the latest learning/training offers for our members and support one another during these difficult times. This also assists the ULRs in being able to signpost members to the regional Jo Cox Learning Fund.

The Committee would like to encourage every branch within our region to form some sort of a branch learning fund.

We know this is not possible with some smaller branches as they have reduced funds. Therefore, we are asking branches to consider their individual member's learning fund request first and agree to give a donation, however small, towards the request. You can then assist the member to apply for the Jo Cox Learning Fund. The GMB's regional finance department can assist branches to set up a GMB Credit Union account for learning.

In the current pandemic, many of our members are facing cuts and redundancies; therefore, in all aspects of union life, we need to promote and encourage the practice of **Retain, Retrain & Re-employment** of our members. One way we can all do this is through learning by re-skilling or up-skilling.

As a Committee we would encourage branches to assist individual members, facing these uncertain times, by paying their unemployment subscription of 22p for 6 months.

The union has already introduced the [GMB Member's Learning Passport](#) which is part of the GMB 'all members' Universal Learning Offer, which will give unemployed members access to all the learning offers.

This will retain members in the hope that they gain future employment and become a full paying GMB member once again. It will be reviewed periodically for up to 12 months.

The Committee is also asking branches to consider a donation to the Jo Cox Learning Fund; it could be a one-off donation or a regular donation. This will assist in ensuring all members across the region continue to have access to the fund.

If your branch would like us to attend a virtual branch meeting, we can update you on the process of accessing the Jo Cox Learning Fund and other funding that may be available from the National Learning Fund. Hopefully, this will assist branches in gaining knowledge to promote learning across the region and ensure members have access to the learning offer as part of their membership.

We look forward to meeting and working with you soon. If you have any queries, email Amanda Burley on: gmbbyndunionlearning@gmail.com

Together in Solidarity,

Louise Kavanagh (RLLC Vice-Chair)
Amanda Burley (RLLC Secretary)

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Learning Guide

This guide has been designed to encompass regional and national learning offers that are currently available to GMB members.

Fully Funded Level 2 Distance Learning Qualifications – The Skills Network:

Members can access this via the link below:

[Click here](#)

CPD Courses – The Skills Network:

Members can access this via the link below:

[Click here](#)

National GMB Website:

Visit the national GMB website to find all learning offers available to GMB members.

Career Tech Challenge Platforms:

1. Leap by Agent Academy
2. Saffron Interactive
3. City & Guilds
4. Citizen Literacy
5. Game Academy
6. Gi-Cast Cyber Security

- The Skills Network
- Lifelong Learning Fund
- Further Education Discounts
- The National Numeracy Challenge
- 10% off E-Careers

In order for a member to enrol on any of these platforms they must sign in with their **membership number & password**.

[Enter the GMB Lifelong Learning Fund](#)

Education Development Trust (EDT)

EDT can assist members with the following:

- Exploring a member's career options and aspirations
- Understanding the local job market
- Develop or enhance a member's CV Search and help them to apply for local jobs
- Identifying local volunteering opportunities
- Applying for training and online learning

You can contact EDT by calling: 0800 100 900

All of the above is available for a member to access direct or through their workplace representative, or if further assistance is needed via their local branch.

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SHORT COURSES

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Gain access to exciting and flexible online learning content, and study where you like and when you like. All of our short courses are delivered online and are auto-marked, meaning that feedback is instant.

Our short, bite-sized CPD courses are interactive and engaging, and take on average just two hours to complete.

Benefits:



A great addition to your CV to show commitment in a chosen industry and beneficial for improving overall general knowledge



Study online with auto-marked assessments. This programme can be completed in your own time.

Click Here to Apply : [**https://gmb.theskillsnetwork.com/**](https://gmb.theskillsnetwork.com/)

Select Your CPD Course, CPD courses are free when you Apply the Following Discount Code, when you check out of your basket: **GMBMember2020**

SHORT COURSES



Online



Paper-based



Paper-based with
online assessments



Fully funded



Advanced Learner Loan



Full cost

Childcare and Education

	Principles of Internet Safety						
	Safeguarding Adults and Children						

Business, Leadership and Management

	Conflict Management						
	Discipline in the Workplace						
	Induction of New Staff						
	Leading and Motivating a Team						
	Organising and Delegating						
	Performance Management						
	Planning and Allocating Work						
	*Solving Problems and Making Decisions						
	Stress Management						
	Understanding Leadership						

Health and Safety

	COSHH Risk Assessment						
	DSE Risk Assessment						
	Fire Safety Principles						
	Health and Safety in the Workplace						
	Manual Handling Safety at Work						
	Prevention and Control of Infection						

Health and Social Care

	Alcohol Awareness						
	Dementia Awareness						
	Safeguarding Adults and Children						
	Sexual Health Awareness						
	Substance Misuse Awareness						
	Understanding Anxiety						
	Understanding Depression						
	Understanding Eating Disorders						
	Understanding Stress						
	Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication						
	Mental Health Awareness						
	Mental Capacity Act						

Retail and Hospitality

	Prepare to Deliver Excellent Customer Service						
	Food Safety Awareness						

Personal Development and Employability

	Essentials						
	GDPR						
	Induction Essentials						
	First Aid Programme						
	Introduction to First Aid - Zone 1						
	Introduction to First Aid - Zone 2						
	Introduction to First Aid - Zone 3						
	Introduction to First Aid - Zone 4						
	Personal Money Management						
	Rights and Responsibilities						
	Understanding Equality and Diversity						

Health and Fitness

	Explore the Principles of Healthy Eating						
	Principles of Weight Management						
	Understand the Principles of Exercise and Fitness						

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FULLY FUNDED LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATIONS

The Skills Network has partnered with a number of leading awarding organisations to develop innovative distance learning qualifications.

Our partners include AAT, CACHE, NCFE and TQUK. Our courses are available online, on paper or paper-based with online assessments.

Gain access to exciting and flexible distance learning content and learn when and where you like.

Our courses are interactive and engaging, and will help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to excel.

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FULLY FUNDED LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATIONS



Online



Paper-based



Paper-based with
online assessments



Fully funded*



Advanced Learner Loan



Full cost

Childcare and Education

Level 2						
	Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Bullying in Children and Young People					
	Level 2 Certificate in Behaviour that Challenges in Children					
	Level 2 Certificate in Special Education Needs and Disabilities					
	Level 2 Certificate in Introducing Caring for Children and Young People					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health					

Business, Leadership and Management

Level 2						
	Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Business Administration					
	Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Customer Service					
	Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Team Leading					
	Level 2 Certificate in Lean Organisation Management Techniques					
	Level 2 Certificate in Event Planning					

Health and Safety

Level 2						
	Level 2 Award in Prevention and Control of Infection					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Warehousing					

Retail and Hospitality

Level 2						
	Level 2 Certificate in Cleaning Knowledge and Skills					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Retail Operations					

Health and Well-being

Level 2						
	Level 2 Allergy Awareness for those Working with Children					
	Level 2 Allergy Awareness for those Working in the Service Sector					
	Level 2 Allergy Awareness for those Working in Adult Social Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in Improving Personal Exercise, Health and Nutrition					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health					
	Level 2 Certificate in Self Harm and Suicide Awareness and Prevention					

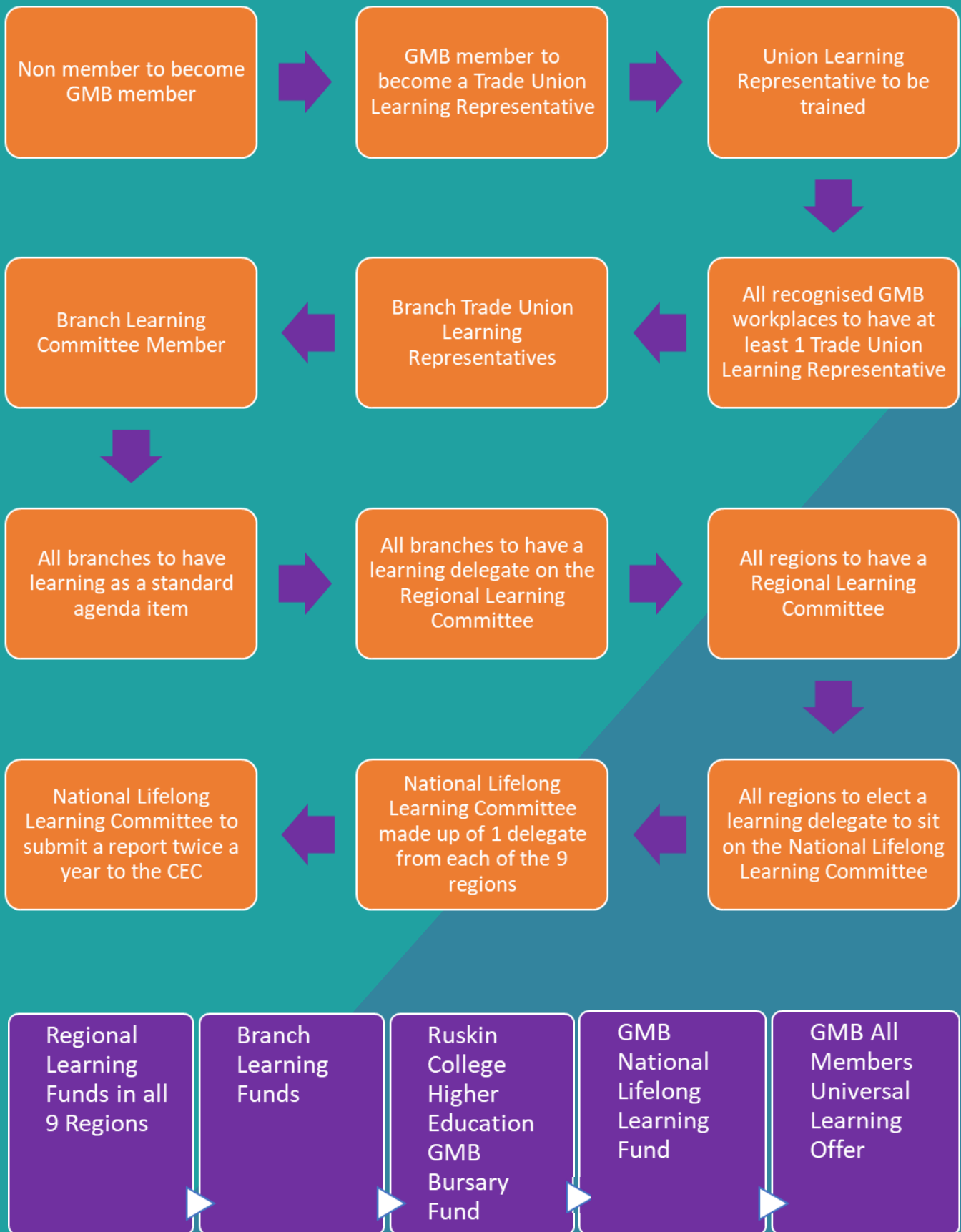
Health and Social Care

Level 2						
	Level 2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of the Mental Health Care Worker					
	Level 2 Certificate in Common Health Conditions					
	Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills					
	Level 2 Certificate in Falls Prevention Awareness					
	Level 2 Certificate in Improving Service User Experience in Health and Social Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in Information, Advice or Guidance					
	Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Care Planning					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of End of Life Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care Settings					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that Challenges					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes					
	Level 2 Certificate in Understanding the Safe Handling of Medication in Health and Social Care					
	Level 2 Certificate in Caring for the Elderly					

Personal Development and Employability

Level 2						
	Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity					
	Level 2 Certificate in IT User Skills					
	Principles for Digital Skills in Employment					
	Level 2 Certificate in Safeguarding, Prevent and British Values					
	Level 2 Certificate in Living in a Fair and Diverse Society					

GMB Organising Flowchart



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