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UnityUK signs up nine libraries across Scotland

13th April 2006 - UnityUK, the next generation resource sharing and interlibrary loan service from The Combined Regions (TCR), has signed nine new sales among libraries in Scotland. Scottish public library authorities who have signed up for UnityUK include Falkirk, Perth and Kinross, Renfrewshire, Angus, Dumfries and Galloway, West Lothian and South Lanarkshire. They are joined by Edinburgh Telford College and the National Library of Scotland.

In order to meet the demand for the new service in Scotland, one training course has already taken place at the National Library of Scotland with another taking place in Falkirk on the 19th April. Training is provided as part of the UnityUK subscription and there are still a few places available for the Falkirk training day. You can book online through the TCR website (www.thecombineregions.com).

Already more than 25% of the TCR library authority partners around the UK have signed up for the UnityUK service. The first three library authorities went live with UnityUK on the 3rd April, just six weeks after the announcement of the launch of the news service. 8 more sites have undergone training so far during April, in preparation for their migration to the new service.

UnityUK is the latest generation of the established Unity service. UnityUK will, for the first time, deliver a national network for resource sharing for the UK as it brings together the union catalogues of The Combined Regions and LinkUK. The new service uses the latest resource sharing technology from world leaders OCLC PICA (incorporating FDI) who also host and manage the new service

UnityUK will be on show on stand 407 at the Library and Information Show on the 26th and 27th April, at the Pavilion, NEC, Birmingham. (www.lisshow.co.uk) You can also see UnityUK at the Celtic Connections conference being held at the Thistle Hotel in Cardiff from the 16th – 19th May 2006. (www.celticconnections.info).

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