



ABCUL – The Trade Association for Credit Unions

- ❑ Information
- ❑ Enquiry service
- ❑ Representation with government and the media
- ❑ Services and assistance with development
- ❑ Products for members
- ❑ Helping study groups become authorised
- ❑ Networking opportunities

*The ABCUL
Stand at
conference*

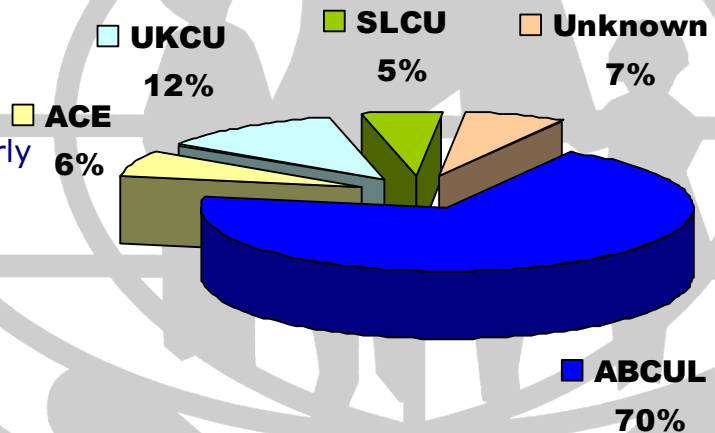


ABCUL – Our Vision

That credit unions become the primary source of low-cost, high quality and ethical financial services for the people of Britain

Did You Know that ABCUL....

Is the only trade body that regularly meets with devolved and UK governments and the EU;
Represents the vast majority of credit unions in each country;
Has field staff and directors throughout England, Wales and Scotland;
Has 13 support staff in Head Office;
Is growing stronger each year;
Administers the Credit Union Foundation



Credit Union Affiliations

The ABCUL Community

362 credit unions throughout Scotland, England and Wales

11 Chapters, 15 ABCUL Directors, 19 staff

Supervisory & Standing Orders Committees

Part of the international credit union movement – WOCCU

Part of the co-operative movement – Co-operatives UK, Scottish Co-op and Mutual Forum

www.creditunioncommunities.org – talk to other ABCUL member chapters, credit unions and study groups



Representing your interests

Europe

Consumer Credit Directive, Financial Services Action Plan, regular meetings with Irish and Polish TAs, Payment Services Directive

UK Government

Legislation, Financial Inclusion Task Force, Savings Gateway, Child Trust Fund, ISA, direct benefit payments etc.

Scottish Executive

Lobbying re State Aid issues
Lobbying re Trust Deeds and Debt Arrangement Scheme, Financial Inclusion & SGEI scheme consultation

FSA

Liquidity, insurance, distance selling, etc. - respond to all consultations and intervene on behalf of members

Media coverage

Joint Money Laundering Steering Group

Servicing your credit union

Ask ABCUL

Telephone enquiry service info@abcul.org

Ask other credit unions

Discussion forum, Chapter

Team of professional, experienced staff

Conferences – AGM, Autumn, ICUD, Scottish Summer School, Financial Inclusion, PEARLS seminars, Chapter Officers' conference, Version 2 Forum

Training for directors and staff

Consultancy services

PEARLS financial monitoring system

CUNA Mutual exclusive insurances

The Credit Union Current Account

Free web page on www.abcul.coop

Affinity Schemes

Equifax

Legal expenses insurance

Debt collection

Western Union

Argos

Child Trust Fund

CETL ethical energy

Argos Acard

Phoenix software

Phone Co-op

Paypoint

Call ML identification

CallTrace

Progress websites

ISA

Publications and Toolkits

Manuals:

Business Planning Toolkit

Policy & Procedures Manual

Employers' Toolkit

ALERT Credit Scoring & Lending

Business Continuity Planning

First Savers

Handbooks

Directors' Induction

Choosing Your Auditor

Introduction to AML

Supervisory Committee

Financial literacy leaflets

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Study Group pack

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