liz lawrence for ucu vice-president

Liz **Lawrence** works as a Principal Lecturer in the Faculty of Development and Society at Sheffield Hallam University. Liz is very well known in UCU for her long record of campaigning activism in the union and in one of its predecessor unions NATFHE.

During her time in the union Liz has served at Branch, Regional and National levels of the union including periods on both NATFHE and UCU's National Executives. She has served as National Negotiator for Higher Education since 1994 and has played a prominent role on the union's Equality Committee.

Liz is a champion of a member led, democratic and accountable UCU and has taken a lead in the development of strong regional organization, as the long time secretary of Yorkshire and Humberside region of the union.

UCU members face a critical time in the campaign to defend public education. Privatisation and the growing market culture in adult, further and higher education are destroying the quality of education and undermining job security and conditions of service.

We need to campaign against privatisation and for education as a public service, based on defence of academic freedom and widening participation.

Good quality education for students and good quality conditions for education staff are two sides of the same coin. We need action on pay, pensions and workloads. We should build this as part of UK-wide and international resistance to austerity programmes.

Excessive workloads are the number one problem of working life for our members in adult, further and higher education. UCU should do more to campaign and negotiate to reduce workloads.

We must maintain and develop contractual safeguards around working hours, teaching hours, research time, and the length of the working week and year.

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The election for UCU Vice President runs from 4 February until 1 March. There will also be elections for the post of Honorary Treasurer and a range of seats on the National Executive Committee. Supporters of UCU Left are urging support for Liz Lawrence for Vice President and for the following candidates, all of whom have a proven track record as UCU activists.

◀◀◀‘This is how the union can make a difference in the workplace. These issues are vital for equality, for work-life balance and for the health and safety of our members.

To reverse privatisation and work intensification we need an effective union. This means:

✳ Recruiting more members, especially new staff
✳ More local representatives
✳ Building strong branch committees
✳ Maintaining regions
✳ Robust local and national negotiating
✳ Understanding the link between negotiation and industrial action
✳ Not giving away past gains at the negotiating table
✳ Ensuring that equality issues are central to our bargaining agenda
✳ Defending the rights of part-time and casualised staff
✳ Electing an NEC prepared to authorise industrial action when members vote for it

Above all an effective union is a democratic union. We must uphold the sovereignty of Annual Congress and Sector Conferences.

I ask for your vote. Please vote for me and for the other UCU Left candidates in the NEC elections.

Liz Lawrence

Honorary Treasurer	Gavin Reid
Honorary Secretary, Scotland	Carlo Morelli
Disabled Members HE	Rob Murthwaite
LGBT Members HE	Pura Ariza
Black Members	Dawn Livingston
North West HE	Jo McNeill
	Eleni Michalopoulou
North West FE	Isabel Brotherston
	Darren Tolliday
Midlands HE	Ron Mendel
	Nick Cimini
Midlands FE	Alan Barker
	Brian O'Sullivan
South HE	Patricia McManus
	Ellen Seiss
	Lesley Kane
UK-Elected HE	Paul Blackledge
	Adrian Budd
	Peter Dwyer
	Jeff Fowler
	Marion Hersh
	Veronica Killen
	Gavin Reid
	Sean Wallis
UK-Elected FE	David Armstrong
	Mandy Brown
	Alison Lord
	Loraine Monk

Go to lizlawrence4vp.wordpress.com for full details about Liz Lawrence's campaign.
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