

UCU NEC elections: Vote Alison Lord

for UK-elected member (Further Education)

FOR A DEMOCRATIC, FIGHTING UNION

Elections
run from
4 February to
1 March

I entered FE as an English teacher in 1993, became local NATFHE rep for Hourly Paid Staff 1999-2001 and UCU Branch Chair 2008-2010 at Poplar Branch, Tower Hamlets.

I have been the UCU Equality Officer in my branch since 2011, whilst retaining my position as a negotiator in order to ensure that defending equality remains central.

I have attended several UCU National Congresses and in 2011 I tabled and spoke to a motion on religious attire and the right for all faiths to wear what they choose in our colleges and universities, which was overwhelmingly voted as policy.

National roles

As a former NEC member I have played various national roles. As a member of the Equality and Women's committees I have been central in debates around issues such as the veil and how women resist Tory austerity, and the continuing struggles for equal pay and work-life balance.

I was an NEC member from 2010 – 2012 and was proud to be part of the industrial action strategy that ensured UCU played a full role in the great pensions strikes in 2011-12.

In the current climate it is essential



we remain as a campaigning union equipped to deal with the multifarious attacks on our rights and the education system that we hold dear.

As a UCU Left supporter I firmly believe that the key democratic structures of the UCU – our branches, regions and annual conference – must remain sovereign, so we can continue to fight attacks on our pay, creeping privatisation of our services, punitive observation regimes and crushing workloads.

Tower Hamlets strike

I played a leading role in our successful strike against compulsory redundancies at Tower Hamlets (2009) which threatened to severely cut ESOL provision for the community.

Since then I have continued to defend our terms and conditions, most recently during our dispute against the imposition of a capability policy.

As well as the collective struggles I also work hard to ensure that equality is at the heart of our local strategy both in negotiations with SMT over policies, and defending individual staff members.

The success of the 2009 strike and the participation of women in our college in leading, organising and speaking, gave me the impetus to stand as Women's Officer in 2010.

If elected I will:

- Campaign strongly to resist attacks on our pay and conditions, education and jobs
- Be at the heart of a UCU strategy that helps oppressed groups defend their jobs and conditions of service
- Argue that the UCU must work with other unions and groups prepared to take effective action to counter this rotten Tory coalition government.

Please also vote for Liz Lawrence for Vice-President and Gavin Reid for Honorary Treasurer.

Liz's election blog is:
<http://lizlawrence4vp.wordpress.com>

Please vote for the following candidates in the national officer and NEC elections

Vice-President
Elizabeth Lawrence

Honorary Treasurer
Gavin Reid

Honorary Secretary, Scotland
Carlo Morelli

Disabled members
Rob Murthwaite

Black members
Dawn Livingston

LGBT members (HE)
Pura Ariza

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

Midlands FE
Alan Barker, Brian O'Sullivan

North West HE
Eleni Michalopoulou, Jo McNeill

North West FE
Darren Tolliday, Isabel Brotherston

Midlands HE
Ron Mendel, Nicholas Cimini

South HE
Patricia McManus, Ellen Seiss, Lesley Kane

STV VOTING SYSTEM

To maximise votes for progressive candidates we ask you to do the following:

- Please use your votes to **first endorse all UCU Left candidates** and only after that use lower preferences for other progressive candidates in each relevant list; and
- Give your highest preferences in the UK-Elected list to UCU Left candidate(s) **from your region**

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