

UCU NEC elections: Vote Darren Tolliday

For UK-Elected member (Further Education)

For a fighting union, defending pay and education

Elections
run from
February
3rd-28th

I am asking for your vote for the union's National Executive Committee because I believe our NEC should reflect the views of members and local union reps that are on the front line in defending our conditions and jobs.

The Con-Dem government is continuing its drive towards the privatisation of Further Education. To do this its first task will be to undermine the staff who teach in the sector.

As a UCU activist I am all too aware that management in both HE and FE have become obsessed with targets, data collection and performance indicators.

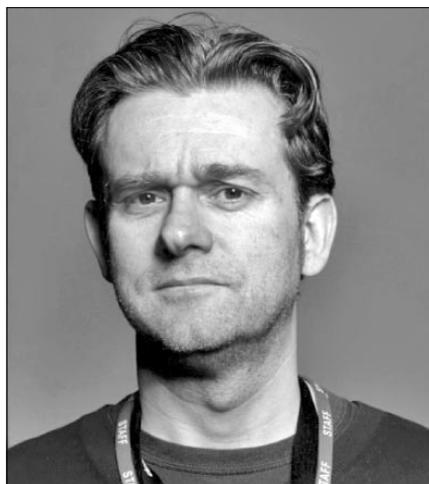
This is not why we entered the profession and it is not good for our students, our communities or us.

It creates stress for our members and undermines and dilutes the quality of education we wish to deliver.

Draconian management

To challenge this draconian management style UCU needs a campaigning and organising union rather than one based only on servicing members and I oppose moves in the union which we have seen in recent years to undermine member participation and democracy and turn us into a 'call centre' style union.

I have enthusiastically supported the recent action UCU has been taking



against the Tory attack on our pay and on education itself.

I believe in the basic principle of equal access to free, public education and recognize that learning and acquiring skills not only benefits the individual but also society as a whole.

The disgraceful intention by MPs to award themselves an 11 percent pay rise shows where their priorities lie, and it is not educating the next generation.

The recent joint FE/HE strike in defence of decent pay shows the strength of our union when we operate as a united force.

I recognize the importance of our regional committee structure and as North West FE Committee Secretary I spend time

liaising with local reps in campaigning activities and resisting local Principals who want to drive down terms and conditions.

Organising solidarity

An effective regional committee is essential in sharing information and for organising solidarity for local college branches which are under attack.

We need to make our union stronger and it is a fact that lecturers join UCU when they see an active union taking action over derisory pay offers and campaigning against privatisation.

If elected I will report back regularly to branches and work to ensure our NEC addresses the very serious threats we face.

As a supporter of UCU Left I believe UCU must be democratic, accountable, and member-led to effectively defend pensions, pay, and conditions and I will argue for a union which fights on all fronts to defend our members facing the Con-Dem austerity agenda.

Please vote Darren Tolliday 1,
Alan Barker 2, Paul Pritchard 3,
Allister Mactaggart 4, Margot Hill 5

Please also vote Loraine Monk
for Vice President

Loraine's election blog is at:
<http://lorainemonk4vp.wordpress.com>

Please vote for these NEC candidates who are supported by UCU Left

We urge you to vote for the candidates in the order they appear below.

Vice President FE
Loraine Monk

North East FE
**Umit Yildiz,
Lee Short**

North East HE
**Paul Blackledge,
Mike Lammiman,
Jeff Fowler**

London and the
East HE
**Sean Wallis,
Adrian Budd,
Ioanna Ioannou**

Women members
HE
**Sue Abbott,
Saira Weiner,
Nadia Edmond**

Women
members FE
**Margot Hill,
Rhiannon
Lockley**

UK-elected HE:
**Lesley McGorrigan,
Jelena Timotijevic,
Carlo Morelli,
Karen Evans,
Andreas Bieler, Eleni Michalopoulou,
Paul Blackledge**

UK-elected FE:
**Darren Tolliday,
Alan Barker,
Paul Pritchard,
Allister Mactaggart,
Margot Hill**

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
- Give your highest preferences in the UK-Elected list to UCU Left candidate(s) **from your region**

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