

Defend researchers, defend the university

fight for decent conditions

We are currently faced with an aggressive move towards a corporate-university model. This move is accompanied by the increase in student fees, universities competing for profits and a vicious attack on our pay, pensions.

At the same time, we are experiencing increased workload and loss of job security.

Resist

As a union we need to resist this onslaught and fight for a university which provides public service and acknowledges that education is a right and not a privilege.

As a member of my branch committee and UCU left supporter, I defend education by fighting for fair and better pay and pensions.

I have been active in organising the recent strikes in our pay dispute and have supported calls for the reinstatement of the strategy of escalation voted for at our sector conference last year.

I believe that the decision by the Higher Education Committee in December to replace this with two-hour strikes and to delay implementation of

the assessment sanction until April was a very serious mistake for our union.

I am a researcher at UCL, on my third fixed-term contract.

Researchers face a constant struggle to secure the next contract, which affects not only our long-term life plans but our work terms and conditions.

Spiral

We are sucked into a downward spiral of working longer and longer hours in the hope of securing another contract, only to find that the funding has been slashed.

UCU must address the abuse of working hours among researchers, particularly through the casualisation and widespread use of zero-hours contracts and fight for proper recognition of our contribution to university life.



UCU must address the drop in living standards, nowhere more than in London with its rising rents and transport costs.

Research

Defending research means that we need a fighting union which will defend researchers and put an end to fixed-term contracts.

We need fair pay for all as part of a university which is run for education, not for financial expediency. If elected, I will fight:

- For better work terms and conditions for researchers.
- For an end to fixed-term contracts.
- For rank and file democracy in our union.
- For a strong, fighting union.

In this regional election please vote
Adrian Budd 1, Ioanna Ioannou 2,
Sean Wallis 3

Please also vote Loraine Monk
for Vice President
Lorraine'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
Lorraine 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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