

UCU NEC elections: Vote Umit Yildiz

for North East member (Further Education)

Elections
run from
February
3rd-28th

For action over pay and to defend Further Education

I want to represent North East FE members on the NEC because I believe we can change the direction the sector is heading in.

Since incorporation ushered in competition, we have seen FE increasingly marginalised within education.

A fixation on market-led initiatives has led to thousands of job losses, the creation of an army of casualised staff, pay falling behind other professionals year after year, workload spiralling out of control and equality issues trampled on.

The result of this year's FE pay ballot highlights members' frustration at their declining pay coupled with these deteriorating conditions.

Growing anger

The pay strikes in Higher and Further Education showed the growing anger amongst trade union members and a willingness to resist.

The coalition government's cuts are destroying further education and the public sector.

Our employers are using the current economic crisis as a smoke screen to attack our pay and conditions. They want us to:

- Work longer and longer hours each year



- Comply with their punitive lesson observations
- Accept pay cuts while giving themselves pay rises
- Compete with our colleagues
- Succumb to increasing managerialism
- Forget work life balance;
- Sign 'zero' hours contracts.

UCU must prioritise our members' concerns and campaign on these issues.

Vote Lee Short 1, Umit Yildiz 2

Please also vote Loraine Monk for Vice President. Loraine's blog is at: <http://lorainemonk4vp.wordpress.com>

Their experiences should be our starting point to defend education, jobs and working conditions in our colleges.

We can win victories on all of these issues if we fight back both locally and nationally.

If elected I will strive to ensure that all campaigns around these issues are fully supported by UCU through advice and practical solidarity. And I will make sure that equality is part of every campaign we organise.

I support the UCU Left.

Biographical information including service to the union

- I have been working in Further Education at Bradford College since 2001 and have been an active member of NATHFE/UCU throughout.
- Before I became a lecturer I was a postal worker in Keighley, where I was the CWU union rep representing 170 Postal Workers.
- I have been a delegate to the Yorkshire and Humberside UCU regional committee from 2008 to present.
- I was a regional delegate to the UCU congress in 2009 and 2010.
- I was a member of the Black Members' Standing Committee in 2009-10 and 2011-13.
- I am currently the Equality Officer of Bradford College UCU.

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
**Lee Short,
Umit Yildiz**

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
**Rhiannon Lockley,
Margot Hill**

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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