

UCU NEC elections: Vote Dawn Livingston

For NEC Black Members' seat

Time to tackle racism and austerity

Election runs from 1 to 26 February

I believe in the importance and power of the shared union principles that promote, celebrate, support and prioritise equality, principles that can bring together members at the grass roots to organise around shared issues.

Strong local and national networks and solidarity are our crucial bulwark in defending education and our members' pay and conditions, and empowering and developing our membership.

I have campaigned hard on the NEC and regionally for the discrimination faced by BME staff and students to be addressed by our institutions and by our union.

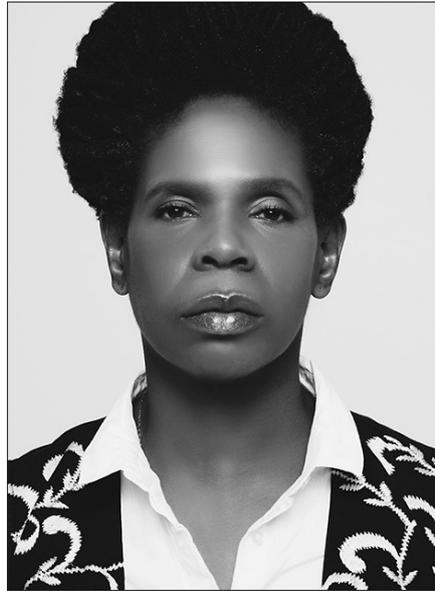
I am very pleased that UCU has recently produced the film 'Witness' and a range of posters and leaflets which examine these issues and promote anti-racist measures.

I will be urging a delegation of staff from my college to attend the UN anti-racism day demonstrations on 19th March as a response to rising racism, Islamophobia and hostility by governments and sections of the media towards refugees and migrants, many of whom are or will become our students and fellow staff members.

We need to encourage branches to keep Equality at the forefront of their agendas in light of the cuts and the threats to workers' rights that we face such as the Area Reviews, the Tory Trade Union Bill, the removal of grants for many students, and the iniquitous Prevent strategy.

Members need to be able to rely on their union organising in the workplace to defend them.

They need to feel confident that their union will fight for their jobs and oppose the austerity measures that are so detrimental to our education system and society as a whole.



As the Secretary of my branch at Lewisham Southwark College I have been involved in campaigning and defending members for many years against the attacks made on our most vulnerable members.

As a black member I have experienced the discrimination similarly faced by other members who are women, disabled and LGBT, and other protected characteristics. I have consistently supported the fight to defend the rights of part-time workers.

As a former NEC member and Chair of the Black Members' Standing Committee and as a supporter of UCU Left I have contributed to the building of UCU's resistance to discrimination by encouraging participation in our democratic processes and facilitating communication and solidarity from branches to our national structures and to Annual Congress and the wider trade union community.

If elected I will:

- Support the fight against cuts and austerity, campaigning to defend equality at work.
- Participate in organising and empowering members locally and within the structures of UCU, including the NEC.
- Support action to address discrimination and keep equality issues at the forefront of UCU's agenda.
- Campaign for better pay, conditions, pensions and decreased workloads in post-16 education.

Vote Dawn Livingston

Trade Union service

- Lecturer in Trade Union Studies Lewisham Southwark College since 2000, Branch Secretary since 2009
- Southwark Trades Council Secretary since 2013
- UCU Black Members' Standing Committee 2008-09, 2010-2012, Vice-Chair 2012, Chair 2013-2015, NEC Black Members Rep 2013-2015
- Delegate to TUC Black Members' Conference since 2009

STV voting system

Please note that all members can vote in the elections for Equality, Casually Employed members' and Trustees seats

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**

UCU Left is supporting the following candidates in the NEC elections

Vice-president FE
Mandy Brown

London & the East HE
Sean Wallis, Ioanna Ioannou, Rachel Cohen, Mark Campbell

London & the East FE
Sean Vernell, Julia Foster

North East FE
Lee Short

UK-elected FE
Margot Hill, Sarah Foster, Allister Mactaggart

UK-elected HE
Mark Campbell, Pura Ariza, Julie Hearn

Women members FE
Rhiannon Lockley, Elaine White

Women members HE
Sue Abbott, Saira Weiner

Black members
Dawn Livingston

FE members (casual vacancy)
Elaine White

For a lay leadership that will:

- Fight to defend post-16 education
- Defend members' pensions, pay and conditions
- Respect democratic mandates
- Seek to build a campaigning, member-led union

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