

UCU NEC elections: Vote Elaine White

For FE Woman Member, and UK-elected FE casual vacancy

For equality, against casualisation

Election
runs from
1 to 26
February

In standing for the NEC my priorities are:

- Opposition to the government strategy of merging and rationalising FE provision;
- An increase and protection of our pay and pensions;
- Secure employment for all;
- The protection of migrants' rights and access to learn English and everyone's access to lifelong learning and training;
- Increased co-operation between unions and community campaigns.

I teach English at Bradford College. I came into FE to teach ESOL however, since the outrageous cutbacks on provision last summer I transferred to teaching English in other FE departments.

I am of a generation that is still paying off my student loan. I find it difficult to get secure employment and I am 'generation rent'. Like many other younger lecturers I face a longer working lifetime with the state pension age rising.

FE is my chosen sector but I see young teachers being prevented from pursuing the rewarding career it should be. Previous underfunding and cuts, the worrying 16+ area reviews, potential institutional mergers and the rationalisation of curriculum all contribute to uncertainty and lack of clarity.



When the Tory ESOL cuts came last summer I took inspiration from the Action for ESOL campaign group and initiated a network of activists in Yorkshire.

I and colleagues took part in the national lobby of Parliament over ESOL and Adult Education which saw 600 people take part. I continue to network and speak at local events to raise the profile of the ESOL plight.

UCU needs to do more to support such campaigns. It also needs to do more to demand more publicly for better investment in post-16 education and training.

I am impressed by the work done by activists in UCU to ensure the voices of women are heard.

Nationally, high-profile positions are currently held by women and this has encouraged me to stand for election.

I bring experience as a local and regional rep of campaigning that I would like to share nationally. I took

an active role in our recent dispute at Bradford College over redundancy threats, creating and updating our branch blog, Twitter and Facebook as well as being on the streets petitioning the public. As a result of our campaigning and strike action we saw no compulsory redundancies.

As a UCU Left member, I want to see a strong, member-led UCU that campaigns for and wins better pay, secure working and living conditions for all its members. I want us to use our full strength to promote the vital work we do in the Further and Adult Education and Training Sector.

Please vote:

For the FE Women Members seat, Rhiannon Lockley 1, Elaine White 2

For the Representative of FE members (casual vacancy) Elaine White 1

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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