

UCU NEC elections: Vote Julia Roberts

For London and the East FE representative

Election runs from 1 to 26 February

TIME TO TAKE ON AUSTERITY IN FE

I have worked in FE for the past thirteen years, teaching across a range of courses. My specialism is maths and I currently teach GCSE and functional skills maths to both 16-18 and 19+ age groups.

I have always been an active branch member at Lambeth College; firstly with NATFHE and then UCU, and currently I hold the position of Joint Branch Secretary.

In recent years my activism has increased as I see the need to stand up and not stand by.

During Lambeth's recent contracts dispute and strike I was an active member of the daily picket line, a branch committee member and was involved in lobbying and speaking duties.

I had the opportunity to visit many of our supporters around the country, and see directly how the onslaught on working terms and conditions at Lambeth was, and still is, endemic throughout FE.

As a supporter of UCU Left I strongly believe in a proactive campaigning union.

FE is under attack from all sides: sweeping cuts in funding; creeping privatisation; area reviews which will result in reduced provision and staff losses; attempts to diminish working terms and conditions; increased workload and stress; and the targeted onslaught on ESOL courses in particular and some of our most vulnerable students.

Regional



The lobbying campaigns over the past year have been increasingly successful in raising awareness of FE, and I am a firm believer that the media attention shown to FE prior to the Spending Review at the end of November is a result of vocal and visible campaigning. However we still have a long way to go.

I am standing for the NEC because I want to ensure that the union is proactive in fighting for FE and protecting / improving the conditions under which FE staff work and FE students study.

FE provides an educational route for the working class and the disadvantaged.

The government is not interested in these sections of society and it is our duty to ensure that quality provision for potential and existing students is not trampled upon or eliminated altogether.

UCU needs to ensure that these routes to self-empowerment remain accessible.

Central to maintaining quality and accessibility of provision for these groups is ensuring that staff are looked after and not bullied, harassed or overlaid.

As a member of UCU NEC I would seek to ensure that UCU campaigns:

- To defend post-16 education;
- To fight for an increase in funding;
- To raise the profile and importance of FE education within the wider community;
- For an extra £1 per hour for all and by doing so acknowledge the contribution made by FE staff;
- To protect educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged in society;
- To participate in a wider union campaign to protect the rights of working people.

Vote Sean Vernell 1, Julia Roberts 2

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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