

UCU NEC elections: Vote Julie Hearn

For UK-Elected Higher Education representative

Election runs from 1 to 26 February

Fight marketisation, defend the University

I am a lecturer in Politics at Lancaster University and am passionate about trade unionism in higher and further education.

With the marketization of universities and colleges, and the commodification of education, the very essence of what we do and how we do it is under attack.

I want us to be a strong trade union that will resist this continuing managerial take-over of our professions, our institutions and our relationship with each other and with our students.

I am standing as a UCU Left candidate because I think it is possible to have a fighting union that is member-led and will effectively defend our interests.

I have been a member of UCU/AUT for eighteen years. The first eight years of my membership were on fixed term contracts: A profoundly demoralising experience and hence my commitment to campaigning against casualization.

As soon as I secured my first permanent post, I became pregnant and the next ten years have been characterised by juggling research targets, teaching, union activism and being a parent.

During this time I have been the membership officer at Lancaster University branch and since the beginning of the year, joint vice president.

As I have become more involved in the leadership of the branch I have become increasingly concerned about how decisions are made at national level. I believe we need a fighting NEC and this is what I stand for.



• Members: Our Powerhouse

I believe in our members. We are the union's greatest resource and you can see that by the incredible levels of care, compassion and commitment that go on, day in day out, in branches, up and down the country.

We need to step it up, but that potential cannot be realised by negativity and defeatism.

We need a clear industrial strategy that we can trust and a leadership that inspires us and leads from the front.

Keeping our members updated by personal contact and regular newsletters and helping them to be active has been one of our branch's priorities and achievements.

• Marketisation and Academic Freedom

I will fight all government attacks against universities from the HE Green Paper to Prevent. I will be attending the Second Convention for HE on Saturday 27 February 2016 and would urge all members to come along (www.heconvention2.wordpress.com).

• Pay and Pensions

I will continue to defend fair pay and decent pensions and, most importantly, would represent your views at NEC on how we can do that most effectively over the coming years.

I am a member of UCU Left and will be attending the Second Convention for HE (www.heconvention2.wordpress.com).

**Vote Mark Campbell 1,
Pura Ariza 2,
Julie Hearn 3**

Relevant publications

'Pregnant and Deported: Universities and the UK Immigration Regime', UCU Magazine, University and College Union (November 2009).

'Latin American Cleaners Fight for Survival: Lessons for Migrant Activism', Race and Class 53(1): 65-82 (2011) with Monica Bergos.

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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