

# Fight to defend 'second chance' education

## Restore Adult Education

I believe community education is essential and enables many people to have a second chance into education, but funding cuts over the years have left large parts of the country with little or no adult learning.

There are unique challenges to organising in ACE, but our branch activity has shown these are not insurmountable.

I've been involved in community campaigns that have played a crucial part in involving learners as well as teachers to resist the cuts.

## Equality for all

All equality areas need to be protected and fought for and in the era of Trump, Grenfell and #metoo this is becoming increasingly urgent. We need to be able to fight not just on bread and butter issues but on all areas.

I'm currently involved in supporting the development of black members' networks. The campaign aims to highlight the issues faced in workplaces by black workers in the post-16 education sector and to raise the profile and progression of race equality.

## A campaigning UCU

If elected I will fight for:

- Increased funding for all sections of Adult and Further education. Since 2010 over 1.3 million learners have been lost.



- Reverse the cuts and campaign for sustainable funding for ESOL and community education.
- Work with all in order to get a movement to stop austerity and defend the whole of post 16 education, and involve the community to fully participate in putting their vision of education and social justice.

If we are to address the serious challenges we face, and defend educational access and progressive educational principles, we need to build strong branches and elect a leadership that will fight to restore our pay and conditions.

We and our students are being made to pay for austerity while our educational bosses pay themselves fat cat salaries. Enough is enough.

## Biographical information

I am a student counsellor for Adult Learning in Hackney specialising in progression to further and higher education for those most disadvantaged in education. I am a member of UCU Left.

## Service to the union

- Member of NATFHE and UCU
- UCU Branch Chair 2013 Learning Trust Hackney
- Co-Organiser, Save ESOL March London 2007
- Part of organising the Save ESOL • Parliamentary Lobby, 2007. Over 1000 students and teachers attended.
- Founder member of North East • London Save ESOL Campaign and Adult Education 2007
- Chair, Campaigning Alliance for Lifelong Learning (CALL) London 2008
- Part of organising several parliamentary lobbies on Adult Education FE with MPs on ESOL and Adult Education since 2007
- Founder member of Action for ESOL. Contributor to Action for ESOL Manifesto
- Black Members Network London and regional equalities rep
- Member Black Member Standing Committee, 2017-

## 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**  
Nita Sanghera

**London & East HE**  
Paul Anderson  
Rachel Cohen  
Ioanna Ioannou  
Sean Wallis

**London & East FE**  
Julia Roberts  
Sean Vernell

**North East HE**  
Jeff Fowler  
Mike Lammiman  
Steve Lui (Sun Chong Lui)

**North East FE**  
Saleem Rashid

**North West FE**  
Carol Cody

**N. Ireland HE**  
Peter Collins

**UK-elected HE**  
Mark Abel  
Sunil Banga  
Elio Di Muccio  
Julie Hearn  
Jo McNeill

**UK elected HE (casual vacancy)**  
Marion Hersh

**UK-elected FE**  
Margot Hill  
Naina Kent  
Richard McEwan

**Women members HE**  
Sue Abbott  
Pura Ariza  
Marian Mayer

**Women members FE**  
Martha Harris  
Elaine White

**Land-based education**  
Eleni Michalopoulou

**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

More election materials can be found at: [uculeft.org](http://uculeft.org)

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