UCU NEC elections: Vote Peter Collins

for Northern Ireland HE



Oppose casualization and marketization

I am a senior lecturer in history in St Mary's University College Belfast

UCU participation:

- A member of NATFHE/UCU since 1999 I am currently chair of St Mary's branch UCU
- I am a long-serving delegate to the UCU Northern Ireland Regional Committee
- I have been a delegate to six UCU annual congresses
- I have represented UCU at two biennial congresses of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions

If elected to the NEC:

- I will support the strongest action by UCU in restoring our much devalued salaries and in defending USS pensions. I will press for a more active stance than hitherto
- I will actively campaign for increased investment by government on HE in Northern Ireland
- I will strongly oppose casualization and marketization in HE
- I will press for proper provision for colleagues burdened by stress and increased workloads



• I will strongly support UCU's solidarity work in countries where academics, students and peoples face repression and will press for even more attention to this on NEC

Other relevant involvement:

- As a lifelong trade unionist I have been a member of NAS/UWT and Unite. I was Northern Ireland student recruitment officer and chair of Lisburn association NAS/UWT. I was a long time delegate to the NI regional council and attended three annual national conferences of that union
- The subject of my doctoral thesis and some of my publications was labour

- history. This has imbued in me an intimate knowledge of the history, traditions and culture of the trade union movement of which UCU is an important part
- I was joint leader of a study trip involving students from St Mary's and Stranmillis colleges to Israel/Palestine
- I led a successful campaign which gained fair trade status for St Mary's
- I am a founder member of the journal History Ireland and continue to sit on its editorial board
- I am a founder member of Reclaim the Enlightenment a group which aims to reintroduce the principles which characterised the liberal town of Belfast in the late 18th century into the present day political and cultural discourse
- I am a member of UCU Left

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 HEPaul Anderson
Rachel Cohen
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Sean Wallis

London & East FEJulia 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 HEMark Abel
Sunil Banga
Elio Di Muccio
Julie Hearn
Jo McNeill

UK elected HE (casual vacancy) Marion Hersh

UK-elected FEMargot Hill
Naina Kent
Richard McEwan

Find out more: uculeft.org

Women members HE Sue Abbott Pura Ariza Marian Mayer

Women members FEMartha Harris
Elaine White

Land-based education Eleni Michalopoulou

For a lay leadership that will:

- Fight to defend post-16
- 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.ora