

# A clear alternative to years of marketisation

The government are weaker and more divided now than at any point in living memory. The potential for a radical and popular Labour government committed to reversing years of austerity is cause for hope and optimism.

There is now a clear alternative to marketisation and austerity. Many of the policies for post-16 education contained in the plan for a National Education Service come from the activism and campaigning of UCU members.

However, until the Conservatives are out of office they will continue to savage public services, and cut pay and conditions of our members in Further and Adult education. That is why we have to act together now.

The campaign to scrap the pay cap has the support of the Labour front bench and is popular with members and the wider public.

We should throw all our weight into ensuring the pay and HE pension's disputes are successful, coordinating between UCU and other unions to nationalise the campaign and draw public support.

We also need to dig in with hard hitting local action that improves our pay and exposes the pay inequality between those at the top and the rest in our colleges.



The lobbies of parliament, marches and demonstrations, strikes and rallies put FE and Adult Education on the map and helped win more funding. We must win on pay now.

I currently teach and coordinate maths at Tower Hamlets College.

## If elected I will:

- Regularly report back to members through a newsletter.
- Campaign to secure more FE & Adult funding, restore our pay and conditions, close the gender pay gap and end casualisation.
- Support stand up to racism, oppose Islamophobia and Prevent.
- Defend EU members, defend asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.
- Defend victimised reps.
- Ensure UCU policy is implemented.

## Biographical information including service to the union

### National service:

- UCU NEC 2010-2016.
- Education Committee & Strategy and Finance Committees
- Recruitment Organising & Training Officer for the London Region Executive Committee
- UCU FEC Vice Chair 2014-16
- TUC UCU delegate 2015
- Current FE National Negotiator

### Tower Hamlets

#### College branch roles:

- Membership officer 2007-8
- Joint branch secretary 2008-10
- Local Negotiator 2008-15
- Branch London Region delegate

### Contribution:

- UCU activist for more than 10 years
- Supported Action for Esol
- Co-organised two lobbies of Parliament
- Coordinated campaigns to defend jobs and funding across London
- Moved a motion at conference for maths and English teachers to organise on the curriculum

I am a UCU left member. Visit @rm\_ucu for a record of my service.

## 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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