

BRANCHES' ROLE CRUCIAL IN UCU

Election
runs from
1 February
- 1 March

I am standing to support and defend the FE sector which has been under a sustained attack by the government cutbacks and reduced funding, leading to the narrow curriculum provision with job cuts, redundancies and increased casualisation.

Over time there has been an increase in zero hour contracts within the FE sector which undermines the job security of the permanent teaching staff, increasing workloads and stress, and impacts detrimentally on the quality of student learning experience.

I am committed to a branch led approach to trade unionism and it is at this level that the members must be equipped to defend their jobs and work conditions.

It is essential that we keep that provision universal and inclusive, if all students regardless of class, race, gender, disability and sexual orientation are to have access to education, as is their right.

As a NEC member, I would seek that UCU campaigns:

- To protect the working conditions and pay for its members.

- To challenge increasing casualisation of staff.
- To promote equality, diversity and inclusion and challenge racism, bigotry and discrimination.
- To challenge and deter the employers' continuing to engage in unfair and oppressive practices and conduct towards members by taking collective action and test cases of members to the Employment Tribunal.

This is a more effective deterrent than compromise agreements which allow the employers to continue as before.

- To fully support members who have been victimised for trade union activities.
- To stem the increasing marketisation of education leading to increase pressures and workloads, pay cuts, job insecurity and uncertain future for members.
- To work with other trade unions to promote and protect rights of workers.

I will work constructively within the union to make it more effective in representing you and keeping it democratic and accountable to all its members.

Biographical information, including service to the union

I have been working as a main grade Lecturer at the Sheffield College since 2010. I have been teaching Maths and Computing. I have also recently started to teach with the Open University. Previously I have worked at Bradford College, Newcastle College, Gateshead College and Northumbria University.

Union experience

- I have been an active branch member at Sheffield College.
- I am the branch chair and have served as the Equality and Diversity Officer at my UCU branch for the last 5 years.
- I have attended the JCC meetings, supported members and attended UCU Equality Conference.
- I am supporter of UCU Left.

- I have also been a delegate to UCU Congress and TUC Black Workers Conference for the last 2 years.
- I am also a member of UCU Black Members Standing Committee to which I was elected to in 2016.
- I am a member of CBC and UCU Regional Executive for Yorkshire and Humberside.

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 HE

Jo McNeill

Honorary Treasurer

Paul Anderson

Midlands HE

Kirsten Forkert
Nick Hardy

Midlands FE

Allister Mactaggart

South HE

Deepa Govindarajan
Driver
Lesley Kane
Marian Mayer
Jaya John John

North West HE

Anthony O'Hanlon
Saira Weiner

North West FE

Carol Cody

Honorary Secretary UCU Scotland

Marion Hersh

President UCU Scotland

Carlo Morelli

North East HE

Bruce Baker

UK-elected HE

Maria Chondrogianni
Marion Hersh
Carlo Morelli
Jo Grady

UK-elected FE

Richard McEwan
Saleem Rashid

Disabled members HE

Ciara Doyle

Black members

Naina Kent
Dave Muritu

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

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