

UCU NEC elections: Vote Alan Whitaker for Trustee

I joined NATFHE as soon as I started working in the FE sector in 1987.

I held several positions on the branch committee, including chair and treasurer. I became a delegate to NATFHE's Southern Regional Council in 1989, and was chair of the region in 1995-96.

I became a member of the NEC in 2001, representing FE members in Southern Region for one year before becoming the nationally elected representative for LGBT members.

I continued in this seat through the merger until I became vice-president in 2008. I retired from my job at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College on completing my term as president in May 2011, but I retain my membership in that branch.

Attack

It was an enormous privilege to be the president of our union last year as we began to face the greatest attack on

post-16 education that we have ever experienced.

During the course of the year I was able to visit a large number of branches and listen to members' views and concerns.

I also stood on picket lines alongside colleagues involved in both national and local disputes.

I think this has given me an overview of our union and its members which makes me ideally placed to continue working for UCU as one of its trustees.

Proud

I am standing as a member of UCU Left and am proud to do so. However, I believe that during my time as an officer I have been able to work with all members, whatever their position on the political spectrum. I also developed good working relations with our staff.

I am particularly pleased to have played a role in the negotiations which resulted in the acquisition of an office

in Leeds, which will lead to an improved level of service for members in Yorkshire and Humberside.

Elections run from 6 February to 1 March

Knowledge

I have also gained a knowledge and understanding of the financial and legal workings of the union, which are the chief concerns of a trustee.

I also appreciate the constraints under which we operate, both those imposed by the appallingly restrictive laws governing trade union activity in this country and those that are specific to us, chiefly the sale of the Britannia Street building and the incorporation of the NATFHE Pension Scheme into USS.

If elected, I will do my best to ensure that both these matters are resolved as soon as possible, and that in all its undertakings our union works in the best interests of its members.

We recommend a vote for these UCU Left candidates in the elections

Voting advice for National

General Secretary
Mark Campbell
London Metropolitan University

Vice President FE
Angie McConnell
Wigan & Leigh College

N. Ireland HE
Brian Kelly
Queens University Belfast

North East HE
Elizabeth Lawrence
Sheffield Hallam University
Gavin Reid
University of Leeds

Veronica Killen
Northumbria University

North East FE
Graham Mustin
Barnsley College
Umit Yildiz
Bradford College

London & the East HE
Mark Campbell
London Metropolitan University
Jane Hardy
University of Hertfordshire
Jim Wolfreys
Kings College London

London & the East FE
Mandy Brown
Lambeth College

Sean Vernell
City & Islington College

Wales HE
Liza van Zyl
Cardiff University

North West FE
Darren Bradshaw
Blackpool & the Fylde College

UK-elected members HE
Jane Hardy
University of Hertfordshire
Lesley McGorrigan
University of Leeds
Jelena Timotijevic
University of Brighton

UK-elected members FE
Steven Boyce
A4E Prisons Branch
Richard McEwan
Tower Hamlets College
Jenny Sutton
College of Haringey, Enfield & North East London
Umit Yildiz
Bradford College

Representatives of women members HE
Marion Hersh
University of Glasgow

Representatives of women members FE
Alison Lord
Tower Hamlets College
Jenny Sutton
College of Haringey, Enfield & North East London

Seats for casually employed members FE
Regine Pilling
Westminster Kingsway College

UCU Trustee
Alan Whitaker
Oxford & Cherwell Valley College

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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**

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