

UCU NEC elections: Vote Alison Lord

for representative of women members (Further Education)

Fighting for equality, fighting against austerity

As a current NEC member and branch representative I am active in both key areas of the UCU. I have supported the UCU Left's insistence that the union must take industrial action, including strike action, to fight the attacks on our pensions.

I have also argued and voted for the need to unite with and defend students in their struggle to resist higher tuition fees, EMA cuts and attacks on ESOL.

On the Equality and Women's Committees I have defended women who wear the veil and supported the continuing struggles for equal pay and work-life balance.

Strike

I was branch chair during our month long strike against compulsory redundancies (2009) threatening to severely cut ESOL, key provision to the community of Tower Hamlets, and in particular women who speak very little English.

The success of the strike and the inspiring participation of women in our college in leading, organising and speaking, gave me the impetus to stand as Women's Officer in 2010.

It is essential that we have well organised branches that can fight attacks on all our staff.



I am proud to be a part of a branch that has successfully fought off compulsory redundancies and disciplinary actions threatened by our SMT against the membership, including branch officers.

If re-elected I will continue to:

- Be central to resistance to attacks on pensions (including final salary), education and jobs
- Be at the heart of a UCU strategy that helps women and all oppressed groups defend their jobs and conditions of service
- Argue that the UCU must work with other unions and groups prepared to take effective action to resist

this rotten Coalition government.

I have two children: a six year old daughter and a son at university in Preston.

*For representative of women members please vote: Alison Lord 1
Jenny Sutton 2*

Elections run from 6 February to 1 March

Biographical information including service to the union

- I have been an English teacher in FE since 1993
- UCU Branch Chair 2008-10 Poplar Branch
- UCU Equality Officer in my branch since 2010, whilst retaining my position as a negotiator to ensure that the defence of equality is central to campaigning and bargaining
- UCU National Women's Officer and NEC member 2010 to date
- Member of UCU Women's Standing Committee
- Member of UCU Equality Committee
- UCU National Congress delegate 2010 & 2011
- 2011 Congress: I tabled and spoke to a motion on religious attire and the right for all faiths to wear what they choose in our colleges and universities, overwhelmingly voted as policy.

UCU Left recommends a vote for these 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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- Give your highest preferences in the UK-Elected list to UCU Left candidate(s) **from your region**

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