

UCU NEC elections: Vote Elizabeth Lawrence for North East NEC member (Higher Education)

Defend education and academic freedom

We must defend academic freedom and reclaim universities as institutions of learning, where the pursuit of education not profitability is the driver. UCU should defend collegiality and democracy in university governance. We must promote real education and challenge the view that the only worth of a degree lies in employability and graduate salary levels. This means an end to divisive league tables which turn higher education into a commodity.

Pensions, jobs, pay and working conditions – build the resistance

Pensions are deferred salary. We must defend final-salary pensions for all academic and academic-related staff. In 2012 we are going to have to fight energetically to defend jobs. We need a decent pay rise in 2012. There is a major negotiating and organising agenda around enhancing the student experience. This must be done on the basis of good conditions of service for university staff, not at our expense.

Workloads

For many members work intensification is the number one problem of working life. In post-92 universities we have a national contract, covering teaching hours, holidays and other conditions of service. We need to maintain this contract as protection against over-loading. Within pre-92 universities we need to negotiate



greater contractual protection. The REF should not be used to exacerbate workloads and restrict academic freedom.

Building a democratic and effective union

UCU needs to recruit more members and to turn members into activists. We need to build strong Branches and Regions and defend union facility time. None of this will deliver, however, unless we build UCU as a democratic union. This means an NEC which implements Congress decisions and national negotiators who are accountable to the membership.

Please vote for Mark Campbell for General Secretary and for Gavin Reid, Veronica Killen and myself for the North East HE seats.

Biographical information including service to the union

I joined NATFHE in 1975 and have served as Branch Secretary, National Negotiator, NEC member and delegate to Annual Congress and HE Sector Conference.

Elections run from 6 February to 1 March

I am Regional Secretary for Yorkshire and Humberside, a member of the NEC and a local union representative at Sheffield Hallam University.

I am employed as a Principal Lecturer in Sociology. I am Equal Opportunities and Diversity Co-ordinator for the Faculty of Development and Society at Sheffield Hallam University. I am a member of the British Sociological Association. UCU Left member.

- NEC Member 1994-97 and 1998-present, Member of Strategy and Finance Committee
- National Negotiator for HE Sector 1994-96, 1997-present
- Delegate to Women's TUC 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005
- Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Secretary 1993-present
- Negotiating Secretary/ Co-ordinating Committee Secretary Sheffield City Polytechnic 1987-92
- Vice-Chair NATFHE Higher Education Committee 1998-2006
- NATFHE National Women's Rights Panel 1985-88
- NATFHE National Research Staff Panel 1977-79

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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