

# mark campbell for ucu general secretary



**M**ark Campbell works as a lecturer in computing at London Metropolitan University. He has been on the UCU Co-ordinating Committee at London Met for the past ten years, where he has played a central role in the many battles that UCU has fought alongside the other campus unions and the student body to defend jobs and course provision.

Mark has served on the National Executive of UCU for the past four years, and has played a prominent role in helping to develop active campaigning strategies for the union. He has also represented UCU at successive TUC Congresses.

As an active socialist Mark has pledged that if elected he will only draw the salary he currently receives at London Met with any increases that the union wins for its members. The remainder of the General Secretary salary will be donated to the union's strike fund.



# why i'm standing for general secretary

**T**his election takes place against the backdrop of the greatest assault on living standards and public services that we have faced in generations. Our union faces a huge challenge to defend post-16 education and we need to ensure that we are ready for the fights ahead.

The 30 November strikes showed the potential to win over pensions. We now need to stand with those other unions fighting to ensure any settlement protects all members from working longer, paying more and getting less.

Some of the key issues facing us are:

- ★ achieving fair funding – opposing the HE White Paper, fees policy and privatisation threat, resisting similar threats in the devolved nations;
- ★ protecting Adult Education, defending ESOL provision, restoring the Educational Maintenance Allowance;
- ★ defending pensions and resisting real terms pay cuts across FE and HE;
- ★ defending jobs, reducing workloads, and resisting the 'audit culture';
- ★ ensuring employers deliver genuine equality for women, black members and all facing discrimination;
- ★ replacing the discredited Institute for Learning (IfL) with a voluntary member-led body;
- ★ defending our most vulnerable members – Hourly Paid Lecturers, Graduate Teaching Assistants, junior researchers;
- ★ reforming governance – we are educational institutions, not businesses.



To address these issues we need to look to our organising and industrial strength. It follows that we need a strong and democratic union: well-organised branches, and well-trained officers.

We need as many members as possible involved in the union's democratic structures – from local branch activity to attending regional committees, Congress, and our HE and FE Sector Conferences. Our National Executive Committee must reflect all of the union's constituencies fairly and equally.

I am standing for General Secretary because I believe we can fight back, and we can win. We need an alternative vision of the privatised, market-led system that the current government wants to impose on education and society as a whole.

A vote for me is a vote to build a union that can meet these difficulties, a union that is representative of all the diversity, talent and strength of our membership.

**Mark Campbell**

# why we're supporting mark campbell

**Hundreds of UCU members from around the UK have already pledged personal support for Mark's campaign for General Secretary.**

**Here's what a few of them have to say:**

“ I am delighted to nominate Mark Campbell as UCU General Secretary. Mark has worked tirelessly to represent UCU members at London Met through countless attacks from a completely dysfunctional management. UCU is facing horrendous challenges but Mark has shown real commitment to building a democratic, campaigning union that has a clear vision of what education should be.”

★ **Sasha Callaghan,**  
**UCU Past President**

“ We are in unprecedented times with a government determined to turn the clock back to Dickensian days. We need union leaders who not only say the right things but can follow them through. I'm backing Mark because he has the determination to fight and he understands the struggle from the grass roots.”

★ **Veronica Killen,**  
**UCU Northern Region Secretary and NEC**

“ During our recent successful campaign against compulsory redundancies at Barnsley College the support of UCU activists including Mark proved vital in encouraging members to commit themselves to taking substantial strike action. It was only by being prepared to take such action that we were able to win when negotiations had failed. Mark clearly stands for the strategy of fighting to resist attacks on jobs and conditions. A vote for Mark is a vote for a fighting union.”

★ **Graham Mustin, UCU Barnsley College**

“ I support Mark because he talks like the people I work with: they're fed up with bullying tactics, fed up with being treated as if they're not trusted to do their jobs. Mark doesn't give the impression that the best we can do is hold the line, and even then only if we're lucky. He makes a coherent argument, not just for resisting the encroachment of management into teaching and researching, but also for fighting to build the branches and use our organisation to improve conditions at work for staff and quality in the classroom for students.”

★ **Mike Orr,**  
**UCU St Andrews branch secretary**

“ Mark is a dedicated, energetic and creative, branch officer. As a lecturer he is well respected by colleagues and students alike. His political ideals, which I respect, are held strongly but presented lightly. In branch officer meetings he is pragmatic but principled which gives him a consistency and certainty that leads.”

★ **Peter Cambridge,**  
**UCU London Metropolitan, H&S Officer**

“ Mark recognized the importance of our strike in 2009 with his continuous support and regular presence on our picket lines. His encouragement to build the resistance to defend jobs helped to keep our strike strong.”

★ **Barbara Jeffreys,**  
**UCU Tower Hamlets, branch chair**

“ At a time when HE faces unprecedented destruction, we in UCU need energetic new leadership from among the ranks of education staff themselves: Mark Campbell is a committed trustworthy and experienced colleague and campaigner who can provide us this.”

★ **Dr Priyamvada Gopal,**  
**Faculty of English, Cambridge University**

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The Elections for UCU General Secretary start in February 2012. Alongside the General Secretary, the position of Vice President (Further Education) and a range of positions on the NEC are being elected. One of the reasons why UCU has established itself as a campaigning union at the forefront of the battles to defend education has been the presence of elected lay activists from the left on the unions NEC. Supporters of UCU Left are endorsing Mark Campbell's candidacy for General Election and are also calling for a vote for the following candidates.

<b>Vice President FE</b>	<b>Angie McConnell</b> , Wigan and Leigh College
<b>Northern Ireland HE</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b> , Queens University Belfast
<b>North East HE</b>	<b>Elizabeth Lawrence</b> , Sheffield Hallam University
	<b>Gavin Reid</b> , University of Leeds
	<b>Veronica Killen</b> , Northumbria University
<b>North East FE</b>	<b>Graham Mustin</b> , Bransley College
	<b>Umit Yildiz</b> , Bradford College
<b>London and the East HE</b>	<b>Mark Campbell</b> , London Metropolitan University
	<b>Jane Hardy</b> , University of Hertfordshire
	<b>Jim Wolfreys</b> , Kings College London
<b>London and the East FE</b>	<b>Mandy Brown</b> , Lambeth College
	<b>Sean Vernell</b> , City and Islington College
<b>Wales HE</b>	<b>Liza van Zyl</b> , Cardiff University
<b>North West FE</b>	<b>Darren Bradshaw</b> , Blackpool and the Fylde College
<b>UK-elected members HE</b>	<b>Jane Hardy</b> , University of Hertfordshire
	<b>Lesley McGorrigan</b> , University of Leeds
	<b>Jelena Timotijevic</b> , University of Brighton
<b>UK-elected members FE</b>	<b>Steven Boyce</b> , A4E Prisons Branch
	<b>Richard McEwan</b> , Tower Hamlets College
	<b>Jenny Sutton</b> , College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London
	<b>Umit Yildiz</b> , Bradford College
<b>Representatives of women members HE</b>	<b>Marion Hersh</b> , University of Glasgow
<b>Representatives of women members FE</b>	<b>Alison Lord</b> , Tower Hamlets College
<b>Seats for casually employed members FE</b>	<b>Jenny Sutton</b> , College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London
<b>UCU Trustee</b>	<b>Regine Pilling</b> , Westminster Kingsway College
	<b>Alan Whitaker</b> , Oxford and Cherwell Valley College

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