

# UCU NEC elections: Vote Lesley McGorrigan for UK-elected member HE (academic related)

# DEFEND EDUCATION FOR THE 99%

I have been an academic-related member of staff (administrative) at Leeds University for 19 years. I am a departmental rep in Psychology and am a caseworker for Leeds UCU and have served as an officer or committee member of Leeds UCU and (formerly) AUT Committee for over 17 years.

I coordinated the UCU Red Circle Group at Leeds which campaigned and won significant victories against the downgrading of academic related members in 2006. I convene the Leeds Academic Related (AR) UCU group and am a member of the National AR Committee.

I have represented the national AR Committee and Leeds UCU at the annual UCU Congress on two occasions and previously represented Leeds at AUT Congress several times. I am a member of UCU Left.

## Outsourcing

Academic-related staff are frequently the first to experience outsourcing and privatization of aspects of University provision eg. email services; AR staff therefore need to be centrally involved in the union and its campaigns.

A strong democratic union organised on every campus in every department is vital in these challenging times if we are to defend education, jobs and



pensions and bring about desperately needed change. If elected, I will work towards a democratic and active UCU.

Two years ago when Leeds University management announced compulsory redundancies UCU won significant victories by mobilising our members.

UCU marched alongside students against the £9,000 fees hike and abolition of the Educational Maintenance Allowance. Subsequently students supported UCU's campaigns for pay, pensions and against job cuts.

Recently the US Occupy movement has been emulated worldwide in opposition to the wealth, power and destructive actions of the 1% presiding over the destinies of the 99%.

Half a million trade unionists marched for the alternative to cuts and austerity in March 2011 and followed it up with the biggest mass strike in decades against the onslaught on pensions.

Elections  
run from  
6 February to  
1 March

## Vibrant

The vibrant strikes and marches on 30 November 2011 showed the power of the unions when we mobilize.

Effective leadership can ensure that we build on this with further strikes to win back our pensions and begin to change the priorities in our workplaces and the world around us.

The Higher Education White Paper aims to create a market for university places and open up access to state funding for private providers who will be encouraged to compete with our universities.

This will undoubtedly heighten the zeal to drive down costs by cutting pay, pensions and jobs. Trade unions, students and communities need to build massive coalitions to derail these plans from the hated Tory coalition.

*For UK-elected members (HE) please vote: Jane Hardy 1  
Jelena Timotijevich 2  
Lesley McGorrigan 3*

## 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 Timotijevich  
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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