

UCU NEC elections: Vote Mandy Brown

for London and the East (Further Education)

Defend jobs, pensions, pay and conditions

I am currently employed as an ESOL teacher at Lambeth College, where I have taught ESOL and Numeracy to young people and adults for the last 8 years, working as both an hourly paid and permanent lecturer.

At Lambeth College I have been joint Branch Secretary since 2010 and have been on the UCU branch committee since 2008. I've been on London Region Executive Committee since 2011 and am a member of UCU Left.

Pressure

UCU members are currently under huge pressure from all sides. Workload continues to increase with more forceful tactics being used against already over-worked staff to work even more, for less. Cuts to education funding mean more courses being closed and jobs lost. And while the coalition government is attacking pensions and freezing pay, costs of living are also rising.

We must defend jobs, pensions, pay and conditions to secure the future of Adult and Further Education.

As joint Branch Secretary and a representative at London Region, I have played a part in building a



strong branch which has collectively resisted compulsory redundancies and worsening terms and conditions, built solid strikes over pensions in June and November, and delivered overwhelming support for the IfL boycott.

Impact

Government cuts have a devastating impact on poor and vulnerable community groups. I have been a key organiser in the Action for ESOL campaign, which in August saw a massive government U-turn on plans to change funding eligibility for those on benefits.

This would have meant up to 70% of learners, mostly women from black and minority ethnic groups, being unable to afford to learn English to improve their lives.

As a campaigner, I worked alongside students, trade unionists and practitioners to raise awareness at local and national level through speaking about ESOL and multiculturalism at meetings and UCU Congress, letter-writing campaigns and organising protests, which resulted in the partial U-turn success.

If elected as an NEC member I will campaign for:

- Workload reduction
- Fair working conditions for all staff, including hourly paid
- Democratic governance of colleges
- Adult and Further Education to remain free and accessible, especially for those who need a second chance
- An end to marketisation, student fees and loans

In London and the East please vote Sean Vernell 1; Mandy Brown 2

Elections run from 6 February to 1 March

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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