

UCU NEC elections: Vote Umit Yildiz

for UK-elected member (Further Education)

Defend pensions and jobs, fight for equality

I have been working in Further Education at Bradford College since 2001 and have been an active member of NATHFE/UCU from the day I started there. I am a member of the union's national Black Members Standing Committee.

Before I became a lecturer I was a postal worker in Keighley where I was the CWU union rep representing 170 Postal Workers.

I want to represent FE members on the NEC because I am angry at the direction the sector is heading in.

Marginalised

Since incorporation ushered in competition, we have seen FE increasingly marginalised within education. A fixation on market-led initiatives has led to thousands of job losses, the creation of an army of casualised staff, pay falling behind other professionals year after year and workload spiralling out of control.

All of this has had a direct impact on our students' education. I believe that sponsorships of academies by FE colleges is another problem for the struggling FE sector which our union will need to address.

2010/11 witnessed demonstrations and a fight back from students and staff alike against tuition fees, EMA,



pensions and job cuts across Britain. We also saw a magnificent rejection of the increased fees which the IfL wanted to impose on us. The importance of these events in FE colleges such as mine is the unity created between staff and students.

Anger

The November 30th strike showed the growing anger amongst the other public sector unions and a willingness to take the fight further.

These experiences should be our

spring board to defend education, jobs and pensions in our colleges and universities.

If elected I would strive to ensure that all campaigns around these issues are fully supported by UCU through advice and practical solidarity.

As a supporter of UCU Left I believe that the union is a place to campaign and fight for equality and peace for all.

Elections run from 6 February to 1 March

My election pledges are to campaign for:

- Pensions and jobs
- Fractionalisation of hourly paid staff
- De-marketisation of our education system
- Implementation of equality and diversity at all levels
- Stop the cuts in ESOL and Adult Education
- A stronger UCU at local and national level.

In UK-elected members FE, please vote:

Richard McEwan 1
Umit Yildiz 2
Steve Boyce 3
Jenny Sutton 4

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

STV VOTING SYSTEM

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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