

UCU NEC elections: Vote Veronica Killen for North East (Higher Education)

RESIST PRIVATISATION AND MARKETISATION

Higher education should be publicly funded, publicly owned, accessible to everyone and free at the point of use.

The university is a place where minds are developed through freedom of speech, subject choice and respect for diversity. True collegiate governance and democratic accountability for the public good.

We have to stand up for our values and resist marketisation and privatisation. Our universities are not treasure chests to be plundered by multinationals or other opportunists, or to be subject driven by employers, nor any restrictions on research (REF).

Crisis

Pensions, pay and terms of condition are threatened. We will not allow the government to make us pay for an economic crisis we did not create. We need to show the government is wrong on all its assertions. We deserve decent pay, pensions and working conditions.

Overwork, casualisation of contracts and bullying all need to be challenged. Protection of the post 92 contract and decent workloads for all lecturers, researchers, academic related and protection for hourly paid staff.

We know when cuts bite, equality issues are left behind at great speed. There are many universities that need to progress on EPA's, maternity schemes, support for members with disabilities, impact assessments and anti-bullying.

Unions should be member led – it is a basic union principle. Members



deserve nothing less. Values based on collectiveness, unity, aspiration and organisation. UCU can grow from strength to strength by:

- Developing work nationally, regionally and locally with our students, other education trade unions, the TUC, Trade Union councils, the occupations, anti-cuts and other community groups.
- A greater visibility on the value of education, for the good of society.
- Encourage new and younger members to get involved in UCU.
- Listening to and mobilising UCU members.

For the North East HE seat please vote;
Liz Lawrence 1
Gavin Reid 2
Veronica Killen 3
Jeff Fowler 4

Biographical information including service to the union

I work full time as a senior lecturer at Northumbria University, teaching Midwifery, public health and other health areas.

I am a member of the Northumbria equality sub-committee. I have been an active trade unionist most of my working life. After transferring from a teaching position in the NHS in 1994, I have been:

- 1994 – Department and school rep
- 2004 – Branch officer;
- 2007-11 Secretary of the Northern Region HEC;
- 2007-11 Member of the standing women's committee
- 2007-11 delegate to the women's' TUC conference and UCU national congress;
- 2007- National health educators group member
- 2007- Northern Region TUC council member
- 2008 – Northern Region Secretary
- 2010-11 Vice Chair of the women's standing committee
- (2010) Delegate to the TUC conference
- 2011- NEC member, member of the Education Committee and vice chair of the national Equality Committee
- UCU Left member

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

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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