

# UCU NEC elections: Vote Carlo Morelli

for Honorary Secretary, Scotland

Elections  
run from  
4 February to  
1 March

## FOR A FIGHTING, MEMBER-LED UNION

I am past President and currently Assistant Secretary of Dundee University UCU. I am employed as a lecturer in economics in the School of Business.

### Pay, pensions, workloads and statutes

Our members face worsening prospects on all of the above issues. Yet while our union has fought over these in the past year we have done so without a clear understanding of how these issues are linked to one another.

As a result we fight over a series of single issues rather than develop a coherent strategy and fail to mobilise our union's resources in fully defending our members.

My starting point is to recognise that this government is weak and vicious. The changes it seeks to bring about in Higher Education are a product of the crisis facing wider society. We therefore should be using our strength as a union to join with others to protect our members specifically and higher education for all.

We need a union that recognises and responds to the ideological onslaught that education faces from governments intent on opening up the public sector to the market. UCU needs to become a stronger trade union in both the traditional sense of building grass root branches with representatives and democratic committees fighting for pay and conditions and as a trade union which recognises its role as part of a wider struggle for social justice and equality.



### Inequality and discrimination

The idea that we simply fight for our own pay and ignore the inequality and discrimination of others in higher education is not a basis for strong trade unions. The imposition of the monitoring of foreign students and staff is just one example of the most disgusting ways in which institutional racism and discrimination is driven into education. We need a union which supports ALL workers in their fight against inequality whether they are in UCU or not, students or staff. As the saying goes 'Unity is Strength'.

Please also vote for

- Liz Lawrence for Vice-President
- Gavin Reid for Honorary Treasurer

Liz's election blog is:  
<http://lizlawrence4vp.wordpress.com>

### Scottish independence

As a union in Scotland we should not be worried by the prospect of independence. We should however ensure that a progressive education agenda is firmly established in any move to an independent Scotland. I am in favour of independence while retaining a UK wide UCU.

### War and academic freedom

The government's complicity in engaging in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan has made the world a more, not less, dangerous place. The slaughter, dressed up as 'collateral damage', creates the conditions whereby terrorist organizations emerge.

At home the war extends into education. Not only as educators are we being asked to vet or spy on students but the cuts in education and the introduction of fees for students arises because money available to fund education is squandered on the government's wars or the replacement of nuclear missiles.

### International Solidarity

I also believe we need to be a union which shows its support for the fight for equality and social justice. Therefore our union should not shy away from international issues. At Dundee we have twinned our union branch with the Palestinian University of An Najah in Nablus. More recently I have sought to protect Syrian activists from being deported to Assad's regime.

I have many years experience as an activist in the union serving on my union executive and the Scottish Executive UCU and I am a member of UCU Left.

## Please vote for the following candidates in the national officer and NEC elections

Vice-President  
**Elizabeth Lawrence**

Honorary Treasurer  
**Gavin Reid**

Honorary Secretary, Scotland  
**Carlo Morelli**

Disabled members  
**Rob Murthwaite**

Black members  
**Dawn Livingston**

LGBT members (HE)  
**Pura Ariza**

UK-elected HE  
**Paul Blackledge, Adrian Budd, Peter Dwyer, Jeff Fowler, Marion Hersh, Veronica Killen, Gavin Reid, Sean Wallis**

UK-elected FE  
**David Armstrong, Mandy Brown, Alison Lord, Loraine Monk**

Midlands FE  
**Alan Barker, Brian O'Sullivan**

North West HE  
**Eleni Michalopoulou, Jo McNeill**

North West FE  
**Darren Tolliday, Isabel Brotherston**

Midlands HE  
**Ron Mendel, Nicholas Cimini**

South HE  
**Patricia McManus, Ellen Seiss, Lesley Kane**

## 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; and
- Give your highest preferences in the UK-Elected list to UCU Left candidate(s) **from your region**

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