

UCU NEC elections: Vote Nick Cimini

for Midlands member (Higher Education)

Elections
run from
4 February to
1 March

Stop the marketisation and casualisation of Higher Education

Throughout my academic career as a sessional lecturer at Edinburgh Napier University, the University of the West of Scotland and the University of Sheffield, and currently as a permanent lecturer in sociology at the University of Derby, I've been active in the UCU.

In the University of Derby branch I am the Health and Safety representative, a delegate to the Derby Area Trades Union Council, and to the East Midlands Regional Council.

As a local activist I helped organise campaigns around work-related stress, health and safety issues associated with e-marking and industrial action over the defence of pensions. Since moving to Derby I have become more experienced at representing members in meetings with management.

What I stand for

I believe NEC representatives should be accountable and responsive to the needs of members. They should write regular reports for members and visit branches where possible.

Our union should be at the forefront of the campaign to defend post-16 education and other public services. I have always supported local industrial action and solidarity. I'm an active member of Unite Against Fascism and have always urged members to put equality issues at the forefront of their work. Post-16 education is under an unprecedented attack.



If elected, I will:

- Oppose the politics of austerity and cuts
- Campaign to collectively resist increasing workloads
- Oppose the marketisation and casualisation of our profession
- Strengthen democracy and accountability in our union by supporting a member-led and campaigning model of trade unionism
- Fight for every job and vigorously defend post-16 education.

As a supporter of the UCU Left, I believe our union must be democratic and member-led.

The UCU must be campaigning union that aims to mobilise and involve members in defending post-16 education.

I favour a participatory democracy in our union with strong regional organisation rather than a top-down

structure where decisions are taken and then loaded questionnaires are sent to the entire membership in a rubber-stamping process.

We need to maintain a fully democratic and accountable union that serves all of our multiple constituencies equally and fairly.

We also need a concerted, united campaign to defend public services. I'm committed to working alongside the National Union of Students, the NUT, NASUWT, and other trade unions as well as calling for independent initiatives to defend education and other public services.

Our union should fight for better funding and to defend academic freedoms. It should stand in international solidarity with workers' struggles and support the struggles of oppressed people.

If you vote for me as your Midlands NEC member, I will fight to strengthen democracy and accountability in the UCU, oppose the politics of austerity and put UCU members at the forefront of defending public services.

In the Midlands HE election for NEC seats please vote Ron Mendel 1 and Nick Cimini 2

Please also vote for Liz Lawrence for Vice President and Gavin Reid for Honorary Treasurer.

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

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

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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**