

UCU NEC elections: Vote Amy Jowett

for representative of casually employed members (Further Education)

UCU NEEDS A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO FIGHT CASUALISATION

I have been an hourly paid member of UCU for 10 years. I joined as a casual ESOL tutor at Tower Hamlets College, where I was part of the successful 4-week strike to defend ESOL provision in 2004.

During my career in ESOL I have worked in FE, a private training provider and currently in Adult and Community Education (ACE) for the local authority in Hackney; this has given me an overview of the various challenges facing the sector.

I have been at the forefront of Hackney ACE's struggle for recognition and as the founding Branch Secretary was key in building this branch from scratch. We achieved full recognition last year.

Combating casualisation

The struggle against hourly paid contracts used at my workplace has been central to building our branch. I am leading the negotiations for better contracts locally, and have been extremely active in the national Anti-casualisation campaign, attending 3 national conferences, co-writing the London Region hourly-paid toolkit and supporting campaigns in the capital through my involvement with the London Region network.

My support and engagement has led to an increase in members securing fractional contracts in East London.



Representing ACE

ACE is currently badly under-represented in UCU at local and national level. I have been a spokesperson for this sector on a regional and national stage and have initiated ACE motions at UCU National Congress.

I have also been an active participant at national ACE conferences over the last 4 years. Currently ACE is not represented in national pay discussions, which needs to change, and I am committed to supporting national strike action over pay as part of any effective campaign strategy.

An active anti-fascist

Since moving to London from Yorkshire in 1997, I have been an active campaigner against fascism. I believe that UCU should be a key player in challenging the current tide against immigration and intolerance. In June 2013 I sustained a life-

changing injury at the hands of the police during a peaceful protest against the BNP.

Elections run from 2 February to 27 February

An active ESOL campaigner

During the twelve years of my career, ESOL has been under considerable pressure from successive funding cuts. I have been active in resisting this downward trend and have been involved in positive campaigning initiatives such as ESOL Fest and local actions.

Representing casual members

As a UCU Left supporter, I believe UCU must remain a democratic member-led union with a campaigning agenda. If elected, I will campaign for:

- * a national strategy against the use of casual contracts
- * ACE to be an integrated and important part of the FE sector
- * a membership drive into private providers to increase UCU's membership and influence
- * rights and parity for agency workers in education

Vote Amy Jowett for Casually Employed rep, FE

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

President Scotland:
Carlo Morelli

UK Elected HE:
Marion Hersh,
Carlo Morelli,
Jeff Fowler, Eleni
Michalopoulou

North West HE:
Jo McNeill, Chris
Sheehy

LGBT HE:
Pura Ariza

Casually Employed
members (HE):
Vicky Blake

UK Elected FE:
Mandy Brown

North West FE:
Nina Doran

Midlands FE:
Rhiannon

Lockley, Allister
Mactaggart

Casually Employed
members (FE):
Amy Jowett

Trustees:
Alan Whitaker,
Angie McConnell

(Please note that
all members
can vote in the
elections for
Equality, Casually
Employed
members' and
Trustees seats)

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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