

# Vote UCU Left in the NEC elections...

# Stand up for Further and Adult education

- *Elections run from 1-26 February*
- *Vote Mandy Brown for Vice President*
- *Note that all UCU members vote in the Vice President election. (Candidates are drawn from FE and HE on alternate years).*

All FE staff know that Further and Adult education face severe threats to educational provision and staff jobs, pay and conditions.

The government's plan to scrap maintenance grants and introduce loans threatens the viability of many courses and will force thousands more students into debts.

## Mergers

On top of round after round of restructuring and redundancies the Area Reviews will mean more college mergers, more job losses and fewer opportunities for students.

Pay in FE has fallen by around 19 percent since 2008.

Our demand for £1 per hour for all in response to the AoC's insulting 'offer' is a progressive one

that we now need to mobilise an effective campaign to achieve.

The Tory Trade Union Bill is designed to make it harder for trade unionists to fight back nationally, and our union must be at the heart of resistance to and, and to building a movement against austerity.

## Racism

And it is the height of cynicism, opportunism and racism for David Cameron to announce new targeted funding for 'Muslim women who have poor English' after last summer's savage cuts to ESOL funding.

We know that some staff are being pressured into participating in the Government's Prevent Duty.

That is why the demonstrations against racism, fascism and Islamophobia on 19 March are so important for branches to mobilise around.

But there is a growing mood to fight back, and we can win, as we have seen with recent victories against victimisations at SOAS and the National Gallery.

This is why it is crucial that the union leadership we elect in February is one which can seriously and effectively take on the threats we face.

## Conference

### Defending Further and Adult Education: Shaping the Future

A great opportunity to come together with a range of activists. This conference is organised by UCU, NUS, the Learning and Work Institute, NATECLA and Action for ESOL in London,

**Saturday 5 March, 10.30am-5pm**  
SOAS, Thornhaugh Street. Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG  
Tickets and the programme are available here: [tinyurl.com/zlrhj5a](http://tinyurl.com/zlrhj5a)

## STV voting system

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

## UCU Left is supporting the following candidates in the NEC elections

**Vice-president FE**  
Mandy Brown

**London & the East HE**  
Sean Wallis, Ioanna Ioannou, Rachel Cohen, Mark Campbell

**London & the East FE**  
Sean Vernell, Julia Foster

**North East FE**  
Lee Short

**UK-elected FE**  
Margot Hill, Sarah Foster, Allister Mactaggart

**UK-elected HE**  
Mark Campbell, Pura Ariza, Julie Hearn

**Women members FE**  
Rhiannon Lockley, Elaine White

**Women members HE**  
Sue Abbott, Saira Weiner

**Black members**  
Dawn Livingston

**FE members (casual vacancy)**  
Elaine White

**For a lay leadership that will:**

- Fight to defend post-16 education
- Defend members' pensions, pay and conditions
- Respect democratic mandates
- Seek to build a campaigning, member-led union

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