

UCU NEC elections: Vote Ioanna Ioannou

for London and the East (Higher Education)

Against austerity, for an open and diverse university sector

Election
runs from
1 to 26
February

The very nature of the university is under attack at the moment. Instead of universities being places where staff and students can take risks to develop critical and creative skills, to innovate and inspire, they are turning into places where everything is being measured and quantified.

The HE Green Paper published recently provides the framework for reducing the autonomy of the universities and opens the door to private companies to enter the sector for profit.

We are also faced by the PREVENT agenda which effectively invites us to spy on our students, thus corrupting our relationship with them.

We need a strong union which will unite the higher education sector to oppose these plans and fight for an open and diverse university which provides a valuable public service.

I am a researcher at UCL, on my fourth fixed-term contract.

Researchers face a constant struggle to secure the next contract which affects not only our long-term



plans but our work-life balance.

We are constantly trying to secure our next contract, only to find that the funding has been slashed.

UCU must address the job insecurity among researchers and fight plans to further cut research funding.

I am a member of UCU Left and a hard-working member of the NEC and the Education Committee.

Since being elected to the NEC two years ago I have always voted for measures that would enable

members to be as involved as possible in decision making both locally and nationally.

If elected I will fight for:

- Better terms and conditions for researchers
- An end to fixed end contracts
- Reversal of the cuts in higher education.
- A strong, fighting rank-and-file union.

**Vote Sean Wallis 1,
Ioanna Ioannou 2,
Rachel Cohen 3,
Mark Campbell 4**

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

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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

More election materials can be found at the UCU Left website: www.uculeft.org