

Let's stand together to defend education

I have been a senior lecturer in Education at Manchester Metropolitan University for over 10 years, and was previously a schoolteacher.

I am profoundly aware of the importance of education for us all, and am outraged to see how the Tories put attacks on education at the heart of their austerity programme.

In HE we can see how marketisation and corporatisation are promoting 'branding' of universities, where our students are treated as customers to be satisfied, rather than as collaborators in education.

At the same time, our contributions are subjected to X-factor satisfaction ratings and our relationships with students are corrupted.

Now the HE Green Paper seeks to drive down this marketised model, linking student ratings to fees and further increasing student debt.

I am standing for the NEC because I want to build a union which puts the defence of education at the heart of all its campaigns.

If elected, I will promote broad partnerships and campaigns to vigorously defend all aspects of post-16 education.

The branch is the core of the Union, and as a branch secretary I have been instrumental in building member networks to develop activity.

We need to build a union in which local and national issues are linked, and where branches are well-supported to respond robustly to their members' needs.

As NW Regional Secretary I am especially concerned to develop grassroots democracy.



Our first regional Equality Day this year was a great success and a strong basis for further work.

As a member of UCU Left, I will support UCU campaigns which empower members to work together and put them at the centre of strategy and decisions.

I will support working with our sister unions, for example to campaign against the Trade Union Bill.

Equality has always been at the centre of my trade union activity. I am concerned to see how universities enlist 'equality' for their advertising, while in reality equality gains are early casualties of austerity.

If elected I will campaign for equality to be part of all UCU industrial strategies as well as campaigns.

As a member of UCU Left I believe UCU has a key role in opposing privatisation and defending education. We cannot build an education for tomorrow out of decimated pensions, historic pay cuts, deprofessionalisation and casualisation.

It is clear that these are all part of the 'softening up' process to prepare for a privatised system.

I believe we need to build broad campaigns which unite members from different areas in a robust defence of terms and conditions. This is the foundation for the education for the future. We are stronger when we work together.

I am a member of UCU Left and will be attending the Second Convention for HE (www.heconvention2.wordpress.com).

Vote Mark Campbell 1,
Pura Ariza 2,
Julie Hearn 3

UCU service

2010-present: Branch Secretary, Manchester Metropolitan University
2012-present: UCU NW Regional Secretary
2009-present: UCU LGBT Members' Standing Committee

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

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

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