

UCU NEC elections: Vote Saira Weiner

For Representative of Women Members in Higher Education

Women at the heart of the struggle

Election runs from 1 to 26 February

Equality needs to be at the heart of every campaign in our union and I have worked hard in my region to build a network of activists organising around equality issues that affect us all, including opposing Lad Culture on campuses, the Prevent agenda, and recruiting black members.

I believe our Annual Congress should be seen as the overarching government of our union.

We meet, debate and reach decisions which should outline the work we wish our executive to carry out in the coming year.

The decisions taken at congress are informed by members and shouldn't be readily overridden.

I believe we need a fighting, diverse and democratic union that listens to its members but also offers a strong lead.

This is something I have endeavoured to achieve since being elected to the NEC

UCU needs to be dynamic, defending individual members vigorously and collectively where possible against bullying, victimisation, and casualisation while building mass campaigns to defend Higher Education, defend equality and protect our conditions of service.

UCU must stand up for a vision of education which is anti-elitist, protects academic freedom with equal access and not for profit.

The Conservative Higher Education



National

Green Paper will see all these points challenged.

They are striving for a cheap to run system that will maximise profits for their friends in big business at the expense of our members and students alike.

We will need to prepare for the struggles ahead by ensuring our members are well informed, engaged and organised through all levels of our union.

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

Vote Sue Abbott 1,
Saira Weiner 2

Biographical information

I am an activist and a socialist and have always been a trade union member. As a schoolteacher I held various NUT representative positions at local level.

While working as an associate lecturer and casual researcher I joined UCU while continuing my NUT membership due to the precarious nature of that employment.

On appointment to Liverpool John Moores University as Senior Lecturer in Education & Early Years, I was elected co-convenor of the IM Marsh campus as a UCU left supporter and currently hold elected positions, locally as Assistant Branch Secretary and nationally as Women's representative on NEC and chairperson of the national women's 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

Find out more: www.uculeft.org

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