

# UCU NEC elections: Vote Sarah Foster

For UK-elected Further Education

Election runs from  
1 to 26  
February

# A critical time for Adult and Community Education

**T**his is a critical time for Adult and Community Education (ACE). There is an urgent need to defend the breadth and scope of adult education and oppose cuts in services and jobs.

UCU has an important role to play in ensuring this vulnerable sector continues to provide vital educational opportunities for some of society's most marginalised groups who are often the most severely affected by the current climate of cuts, inequalities and racism.

My longtime commitment to adult education and trade union activity has led me to decide that now is the time to take on a role that will ensure ACE has a strong voice within UCU and has the support to organise around issues affecting the sector.

## A campaigning union

I am a UCU left supporter. I strongly believe that UCU needs to be a campaigning organisation, defending services and jobs through working with our communities and students

## 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**



and linking with other organisations, including other Trade Unions, to fight cuts, stand up to racism and oppose attacks on our rights.

## If elected I will campaign for:

- ACE to have a higher profile within UCU at regional and national level
- An approach to building the strength of the UCU ACE sector that works for small scale services with widely dispersed members
- An active approach to recruitment to existing branches and to supporting isolated members in establishing new branches.
- Linking UCU ACE campaigns with other community campaigns (such as Action for ESOL)

ACE provides a service for students from some of the most marginalised groups in society, whose voices often go unheard. ACE members within UCU should not go unheard. ACE needs a voice!

## Please also vote for:

**Margot Hill and Allister Mactaggart**

## Biographical information

### Work and study

- Have worked in Adult and Community Education (ACE) for 30 years
- Subject areas - ESOL and Family Learning
- Current work - teaching and co-ordinating Family Learning in Skills for Life department at 'Brent Start' (Brent's Adult and Community Education Service)
- Extensive experience of community based education and its challenges
- Returned to study; MSc in Education Power and Social Change in 2011

### UCU and campaigning

- Active UCU (NATFHE) member throughout teaching career
- Branch chair/secretary for Brent ACE (NW London) for 5 years (first 4 years held jointly). During this period I have built confidence within the branch and we have successfully exerted a significant influence on management locally, in relation to negotiations over contracts, observation policies, restructures and minimising the impact of cuts
- I have mobilised branch members to join regional and national campaigns, sometimes for the first time and together we have attended protests and lobbies, written to MPs, made banners and informed/involved students.
- Campaigner with Action for ESOL.
- Regularly attend London Region meetings.
- Currently working with other UCU activists to make contact with more ACE members, to increase ACE presence at regional meetings and make the National ACE conference a success.

## 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**  
Rhianon 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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