

**UCU ELECTIONS 2016**

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The 2016 Elections for UCU Vice President (Further Education) and a range of positions on the National Executive Committee start in February. One of the reasons why UCU has established itself as a campaigning union at the forefront of the battles to defend education has been the presence of elected lay activists from the left on the union's NEC. Supporters of **UCU Left** are calling for a vote for the following candidates...

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**MANDY BROWN**



**VP FROM FE SECTOR**  
**MANDY BROWN**  
(Lambeth College)

**LONDON AND THE EAST FE (2 SEATS)**

**SEAN VERNELL** (City and Islington College)  
**JULIA ROBERTS** (Lambeth College)

**LONDON AND THE EAST HE (4 SEATS)**

**SEAN WALLIS** (University College London)  
**IOANNA IOANNOU** (University College London)  
**RACHEL COHEN** (City University London)  
**MARK CAMPBELL** (London Met Uni)

**FE UK-ELECTED (3 SEATS)**

**MARGOT HILL** (Croydon College)  
**SARAH FOSTER** (Brent Start)  
**ALLISTER MacTAGGART** (Chesterfield College)

**REP OF BLACK MEMBERS (CASUAL VACANCY)**

**DAWN LIVINGSTON** (Lewisham Southwark College)

**REPS OF WOMEN**  
**MEMBERS IN FE (2 SEATS)**

**RHIANNON LOCKLEY** (Halesowen College)  
**ELAINE WHITE** (Bradford College)

**REPS OF WOMEN**  
**MEMBERS IN HE**

**SUE ABBOTT** (Northumbria University)  
**SAIRA WEINER** (Liverpool John Moores University)

**NORTH EAST FE (1 SEAT)**

**LEE SHORT** (Barnsley College)

**HE UK-ELECTED (3 SEATS)**

**MARK CAMPBELL** (London Met Uni)  
**PURA ARIZA** (Manchester Met Uni)  
**JULIE HEARN** (Lancaster University)

**REP OF FE MEMBERS**  
**(CASUAL VACANCY)**

**ELAINE WHITE**  
(Bradford College)

**UCU VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION 2016**

**VOTE**  
**MANDY**  
**BROWN**



Mandy Brown works as an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) lecturer at Lambeth College where she is UCU Secretary.

Mandy is at the forefront of campaigns to defend Further and Adult Education. As London Regional Secretary for FE

she helped initiate UCU's Charter for FE, organised two successful parliamentary lobbies, and led a 1,500-strong march in Defence of Adult Education. This campaigning work has helped to put FE back on the map.

Mandy led the successful four week strike at Lambeth College in 2013 which stopped the imposition of punitive contracts.

Her track record as a campaigner makes Mandy the choice for all UCU members as we fight to defend Higher, Further and Adult Education.

Facebook: Vote Mandy Brown for UCU Vice-President Twitter: @Mandy4VPUCU  
Blog: <https://mandy4nec.wordpress.com> Website: [uculeft.org](http://uculeft.org)

# VOTE MANDY BROWN FOR UCU VICE PRESIDENT



## WHY WE ARE SUPPORTING MANDY



Mandy is an inspirational branch leader, having led the successful strike to defend contracts at Lambeth. Her work to defend ESOL provision has been tireless and has helped shape campaigns around the country.

When our branch faced a lockout we looked to Lambeth College UCU as an example of how sustained action draws support from the whole trade union movement.

**JO McNEILL**, President,  
University of Liverpool;  
NEC member

**DAVE MURITU**, Secretary  
Sandwell College &  
Chair Black Members  
Standing Committee

Mandy is a strong female activist and has shown this time and again in her defence of ESOL and adult education.

**RHIANNON LOCKLEY**, Secretary Halesowen College  
& Women Members Standing Committee

I'm supporting Mandy Brown for Vice-President as she has a great track record of fighting for members and for working class access to education.

**DAVID HARDMAN**,  
Secretary,  
London Met &  
London Region

Mandy has done really effective grassroots campaigning to defend the provision of English language classes for some of the most marginalised members of our communities.

In Higher Education we face a real threat from the proposals in the Green Paper. The initiative that Mandy has shown in the defence of her sector is just what we all need in a Vice President of our union.

**CARLO MORELLI**,  
Assistant Secretary,  
University of Dundee

**MELANIE COOKE**, Action for ESOL  
& Kings College London Exec

## WHY I AM STANDING

Education is in crisis. We have seen huge funding cuts alongside the marketisation of universities, further education colleges, community providers and the prison education service.

The HE Green Paper will lead to higher tuition fees, pave the way for more private providers, and increase monitoring and attacks on the professionalism of staff. If the Tories get their way, Higher Education will be available only for a minority who can afford heavy debts. Universities like London Met and the Open University, which have traditionally supported students from non-standard backgrounds, are under severe pressure.

It is unacceptable that FE adult funding has been cut by 35% with one million student places lost, thousands of lecturers made redundant and pay cut by 17%. The cuts have hit women, BME and disabled groups hardest. The process of FE area reviews and mergers represents a new offensive designed to break up colleges and shrink education to a narrow skills agenda.

However, active campaigning to defend Adult Education has significantly raised the

profile of the sector and has forced the government to give four years' protection to FE funding. There is a clear lesson here. If we campaign actively as a union and engage with our students and with the wider community we can challenge and push back the attack on education.

The movement built up around Jeremy Corbyn's election as Labour Party leader has created a dramatic change in the political climate. Labour front benchers joined us to pledge their support when we struck last November. We need to make the most of this opportunity to put forward our vision of education, broaden the movement to stop austerity and defend the whole of post-16 education.

If elected as Vice President, I will campaign:

- for the withdrawal of the HE Green Paper
- to build a movement to defend FE
- to oppose mergers and 'rationalisation' of education
- to support all staff and students fighting to defend education
- for a pay rise for all
- to maintain UCU's focus on equality, combat racism and Islamophobia, and oppose the divisive Prevent agenda.

