

UCU NEC elections: vote Ioanna Ioannou

For UK-elected members HE

Election runs from
1 February
- 1 March

For a UCU that really fights for education and its members

Last year, we entered an era where 'all that is solid melts into air'. The UK voted to leave the EU and Trump was elected as President of the USA. In our sector, we are faced with an aggressive move towards a corporate-university model in the HE Bill.

This is accompanied by the increase in student fees, universities competing for high fee-paying students and a conscious holding down of our pay, with our pensions threatened in the near future. At the same time, we face ever-increasing workloads and loss of our job security.

I work as a researcher at UCL. I have been 'lucky' enough to be on my fourth successive fixed-term contract in the past 5 years.

Like most researchers I live in constant fear that my luck will run out. What does future hold for researchers?

In a university which expands rapidly in pursuit of new customers (students), our contribution seems to go unacknowledged.

To make matters worse, the anti-immigrant hysteria promoted by the government around the EU referendum means that, as an EU university worker in the UK,



I cannot be certain about my status in this country.

Never before was the need for a strong fighting union so pressing.

As a union we can and must resist this onslaught, and fight for a real university: one which provides a public service and acknowledges that education is a right and not a privilege.

As a branch committee member and UCU Left supporter, I defend education by fighting for fair and better pay and pensions, by fighting against racism and by fighting for the right of immigrants, whether from the EU or beyond, to live and work here.

Defending research means that we need a fighting union which will

defend researchers and put an end to the stressful treadmill of fixed-term contracts.

It means defending academic freedom and independent publicly-funded science.

If elected, I will fight:

- For better work terms and conditions for researchers and other staff.
- To defend freedom of movement for labour.
- For an up-front guarantee for existing EU/EEA citizens in the UK to stay.
- For an end to fixed-term contracts.
- For rank and file democracy in our union.
- For a strong, fighting union.

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

Trustees

Steve Cushion
Laura Miles

General Secretary

Jo McNeill

Vice President HE

Carlo Morelli

Honorary

Treasurer

Paul Anderson

Midlands HE

Elio Di Muccio

Midlands FE

Rhiannon Lockley
Safia Flissi

UK-elected

members FE

Mandy Brown
Richard McEwan

UK-elected

members HE

Carlo Morelli
Marion Hersh
Phoebe Moore
Ioanna Ioannou

South HE

Lesley Kane
Mark Abel
Marian Mayer

Representatives

of LGBT members
Pura Ariza

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