

FE crisis; build a movement to defend Further Education

Publicly-funded education is in crisis. We face funding cuts and increased marketisation in schools, universities, adult and further education colleges, community providers and prisons.

FE adult funding has been cut by 35% with 1 million student places lost since 2010, thousands of lecturers made redundant and our pay cut by 17%. Cuts hit women, BME and disabled groups hardest.

Area reviews and mergers represent a new offensive to break up colleges and shrink education to a narrow skills agenda. We must defend the curriculum for FE students and demand English and Maths that doesn't disadvantage those needing a second chance.

Campaigning to defend Adult Education raised the sector's profile. We forced government to give 4 years' protection to FE funding (although a real terms freeze). We need more funding for FE.

As a leading campaigner for Action for ESOL I worked alongside students, trade unionists and community organisations to raise awareness of ESOL and multiculturalism which in August 2012 resulted in a government U-turn. Campaigning works, we must take initiatives.

We should use concessions on casualization and gender pay to identify and coordinate local campaigns. We must restore nationally binding agreements. We need a union that operates politically and industrially on a national scale and maintains collective bargaining.



UCU's leaders must respect policies agreed at Congress.

As Branch Secretary at Lambeth College and London Regional Secretary I have built a strong, democratic branch, resisted compulsory redundancies, struck solidly to defend pensions, and took the longest strike action – 5 and a half weeks – in UCU's history, against attacks on working conditions.

Jeremy Corbyn's election as Labour leader has transformed the political climate. We need to take this opportunity to put forward our vision of education.

If elected to NEC I will campaign for:

- A movement to defend FE
- Reduction in workload
- Opposition to loans for 19 year olds
- A national contract for FE
- A pay rise for all
- Combatting racism and Islamophobia; opposing the Prevent agenda

Biographical information including service to the union

- I have taught English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL) at Lambeth College, Brixton for the last 13 years and at Thomas Danby College, Leeds for one year
- Branch Secretary Lambeth College since 2010
- UK Elected NEC member since 2013
- London Regional FE Secretary since 2012
- TUC delegate 2014
- NEC ROCC member since 2015
- UCU Congress delegate 2010-2016
- Lambeth TUC Women's Equality Officer since 2013
- Initiated UCU's ten-point FE Charter
- Founding member of Action for ESOL. Contributor to ESOL Manifesto
- Lead successful five week strike at Lambeth College to defend contacts
- London Region liaison with John McDonnell MP on two UCU Parliamentary lobbies last year
- Organised 1,500-strong march on London Assembly to defend Adult Education
- UCU Left supporter

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