

UCU NEC elections: vote Rhiannon Lockley for Midlands FE

For an active, democratic voice for Midlands FE

Election runs from 1 February - 1 March

Priorities

Improve member involvement in decisions

I am a UCU left supporter and Labour party member. I believe in democratic, member-led decision-making. I will:

- Visit branches across the Midlands to establish human contact with national structures.
- Engage with branches across the Midlands before and after NEC/FEC meetings for full involvement in all decisions.
- Give full support to local disputes. Having led a national campaign when our reps at Halesowen were dismissed, I know how vital this support is.
- Challenge the barriers that prevent participation: as a mother of young children I know members like me are not represented at many levels: I want this to change.
- Develop recruitment strategies specifically focused on the new generation of staff on insecure contracts: we need to engage the union of the future!

Raise the profile of FE

We are a vital part of society, bringing skills, social engagement and growth. But this is not valued: we are starved of funding at a time when society needs us most, and have lost 15,000 lecturers since 2009.

I work with student groups, councillors, other unions, community groups and others to campaign for FE and was recently Jeremy Corbyn's



education speaker at his Midlands rally which gave me the opportunity to share our message with a big audience. If elected I will:

- Work with a broad range of groups to campaign for fully funded FE at the heart of each community.
- Identify timely issues such as the role for FE in the accelerating UK skills shortage
- Amplify the message that FE is not just about skills: it is necessary for a democratic, functioning society. FE is a force for cohesion and we must defend EU and non-EU migrant staff and students. Time to value our staff and students and all we do!

Experience

Lecturer, Access Social Sciences, Halesowen College: 2005-

I love my work with students who always amaze me with their journeys. Adult education transforms lives, and needs defending.

Branch secretary Halesowen: 2012- Campaigned to defend reps, established domestic violence policy and refugee-support initiatives, involved in negotiations to protect members from fractional redundancy.

National Women's Committee: 2013- Represented WMSC at congress and Women's TUC, full participation in the work of the committee including DV, adult education, sexual harassment.

West Midlands Women's Officer 2011 - 2015, Chair 2015-

Worked to grow branch participation, campaigns and equalities. Built support for branches for the area review. I'm really proud of the role West Midlands have played in establishing national policy including rights to participate in equality conferences and places for equality reps on regional executives.

Dudley Trades Council Delegate 2012-, Vice-President 2016-

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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

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

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