

UCU NEC elections: vote Steve Cushion for Trustee

Building a strong union for tough times

Election runs from 1 February - 1 March

The primary function of a trade union is to defend and advance its members' wages, conditions and employment rights.

The role of a Trustee, in my view, is to do their best to ensure that the material assets of the union are sufficient to support this.

Of course, all the material assets in the world are useless without the union's elected workplace representatives.

In the current climate of victimisation, I see the defence of our reps and branch officers as a major priority for UCU.

Victimisation

Before retiring, I worked at London Guildhall and London Metropolitan University, so I am familiar with a culture of bullying and victimisation.

I initially taught French Language and Area Studies but, when considered surplus to requirements, I transferred to teaching Computer Programming.

During the London Met contract dispute, I was charged with organising the academic boycott. I finished my working life as Higher



Education Information Officer for CILT, The National Centre for Languages.

In NATFHE I was at various times elected branch secretary, branch chair, co-ordinating committee secretary and secretary of the London Region Higher Education Committee. I also served on the NATFHE National Executive Council.

Before entering Higher Education, I worked as a London bus-driver for 20 years and served as branch secretary/treasurer and

shop steward in the Transport and General Workers Union.

I was elected to the London Bus Committee and the South East Region Committee of the TGWU, from which position I represented the London bus workers on the Council of the London Transport Pension Fund.

Dispute

I was chair of the London Forest Shop Stewards' Committee during that contract dispute.

I am currently secretary of the UCU London Retired Members Branch, secretary of Caribbean Labour Solidarity and a member of the committees of the Socialist History Society and the Society for Caribbean Studies.

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

Professor 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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