

UCU NEC elections: vote Julia Roberts

for London & East FE

Election runs from
1 February
- 1 March

FOR A CAMPAIGNING MEMBER-LED UNION

As a supporter of UCU Left I strongly believe in a proactive campaigning union.

Over the past fifteen years I have witnessed relentless government attacks on further education. The curriculum offer has narrowed and members' jobs put at risk due to lack of funding.

Pay has stagnated whilst remuneration for senior management has reached staggering heights.

Corporate college groups vie to take over colleges in an expansion of business empires, too often to the detriment of the educational needs of local communities.

Teacher workload and stress continue to increase, whilst creativity is being squeezed by 'tick box' bureaucracy and increasing administrative demands.

More recently, our 'post-compulsory' sector has shifted into the 'compulsory' sector with no thought given to the implications for teaching staff.

I am standing again for the NEC because I want to continue supporting the fight for FE, protecting and improving conditions under which our members work and students study.

FE provides an educational route for the working class and the disadvantaged.

As educational professionals it is our duty to ensure that quality provision is accessible for all potential and existing students.

Central to protecting FE provision is the need to ensure that our staff



members are looked after: free from worries of job insecurity; free from physical and mental stress of overbearing working conditions; suitably remunerated for the hard work that they do and free to prioritise education over bureaucracy.

As a member of UCU NEC I would seek to ensure that UCU campaigns:

- To defend and protect educational opportunities within post-16 education
- To fight for an increase in funding
- To fight for a long-awaited increase in pay which truly reflects our worth
- To protect members from a downgrading of working terms and conditions
- To advance UCU's equality agenda
- To protect the rights of migrants and refugees
- To participate in a wider union campaign to protect the rights of working people

Biographical information including service to the union

I have worked in FE for the past fifteen years, teaching across a range of courses. My specialism is maths and I currently teach GCSE and functional skills mathematics to both 16-18 and 19+ age groups.

I have always been an active branch member at Lambeth College.

My union experience includes working as a branch rep, participating in JNCC meetings, supporting members in case work, representing our branch as a speaker during our 2014 contracts dispute, and attending both Congress and Special Sector conference as a branch delegate.

I currently hold the position of Joint Branch Secretary.

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

Vice President FE
Nita Sanghera

London & East FE
Paul Anderson
Rachel Cohen
Ioanna Ioannou
Sean Wallis

London & East FE
Julia Roberts
Sean Vernell

North East HE
Jeff Fowler
Mike Lammiman
Steve Lui (Sun Chong Lui)

North East FE
Saleem Rashid

North West FE
Carol Cody

N. Ireland HE
Peter Collins

UK-elected HE
Mark Abel
Sunil Banga
Elio Di Muccio
Julie Hearn
Jo McNeill

UK elected HE (casual vacancy)
Marion Hersh

UK-elected FE
Margot Hill
Naina Kent
Richard McEwan

Women members HE
Sue Abbott
Pura Ariza
Marian Mayer

Women members FE
Martha Harris
Elaine White

Land-based education
Eleni Michalopoulou

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: uculeft.org

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