

# UCU NEC elections: Vote Margot Hill for UK-elected member FE

Election  
runs from  
1 February  
- 1 March

# IT IS TIME TO CLOSE THE GAP

**T**he gap between rich and poor in this country has grown year on year, the gap between our members pay and the pay of college principals has grown year on year – and the gap between the education need and the funding to provide it has grown year on year.

UCU needs to move on to a war footing against this weak and discredited Tory government, harness the mood that has fuelled the support for Corbyn's challenge to austerity and use our collective power to make change happen.

I have served two terms as an NEC member. I do not believe that retreating into service trade unionism will address the crisis in further education.

I have been UCU branch secretary and a lecturer at Croydon College for over 9 years and the reality of year on year wage restraint has left many of my colleagues stressed and anxious about their ability to meet household bills in a job where continuous cutbacks mean spiralling workloads, stress and fatigue.

Ours is a worthwhile and important profession and we don't deserve to be ground down by policies devised by a weak and ineffective government and implemented by college leaders who should know better.

We have choices to make in this election and I would urge you to vote for UCU Left candidates who like me will argue and campaign for us to use our collective strength to put up a fight for



- National pay awards above the rate of inflation and against cuts in Pension provision.
- Full support for Branches when they take on employers including working to co-ordinate and spread support for action
- Strong Regional structures that can bring branches and members together across both FE and HE to co-ordinate campaigns and actions and build solidarity
- Re-launch and re invigorate political campaigning for quality publicly funded free education and reclaim the curriculum for progressive education

- No Zero Hours contracts, end the gender pay gap, work with branches to develop meaningful campaigns against inequality at work and build branches that active, inclusive and anti racist.
- An end to punitive observation regimes and restoration of professional status for teachers through meaningful CPD developed by lecturers for lecturers
- Full employment rights for all in our workplaces regardless of nationality. UCU has good policies for migrants' rights which I and other UCU left members have been part of campaigning for.

UCU members stand between the Tory attacks on Education and the right to a free quality education service.

The NEC must offer a lead to the fight. I would like your support to continue to represent you and campaign on these issues.

## 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 HE**  
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

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