

VOTE UCU LEFT ★ For a campaigning, member-led union

# FOR A DEMOCRATIC, FIGHTING UNION AT THE CENTRE OF A RISING TIDE OF STRUGGLE



*Our candidate for Vice President:  
Maria Chondrogianni, University of Westminster,  
currently Vice Chair of HEC and national pay negotiator*



*Our candidate for Honorary Treasurer:  
Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver, University of Reading,  
currently Vice Chair of HEC and USS negotiator*

Election runs from 26 January - 1 March

**U**CU is in the fight of a lifetime. Our union has to rise to the challenge.

Maria Chondrogianni and Deepa Driver, alongside other UCULEft candidates, are standing in order to be part of the leadership of a union that wins for all our members. Maria is standing as Vice President (becoming President in due course), and Deepa is standing for Honorary Treasurer. We hope you will vote for both of us.

Neoliberal policies are corroding all sectors of education. Following the introduction of undergraduate tuition fees, wages fell, equalities gaps became more pronounced and for many, pensions were slashed while shiny new campuses and buildings were erected. In FE, not only were wages cut by 30% but 25,000 teaching posts have disappeared from the sector.

These attacks are intensifying.

Across Britain, we are seeing Dickensian levels of poverty and inequality, levels we have not seen in our lifetimes. Many of our colleagues – especially those in unstable or part-time work or those privately renting on insecure contracts – are forced to choose between heating and eating. This is why UCU got a record turnout in both HE ballots, and why over 40 FE colleges voted for action last year.

The current strikes show that working people have had enough and don't want to take this any more. UCU members are joining teachers, civil servants, nurses, rail staff and postal workers. Together we must win, and our victory must be decisive.

**We need a leadership in our union that we can all rely on. Our union must empower branches, reps and activists.**

We must actively defend members and press for decent pensions, pay and conditions. When we are under attack and when we take action, members must know that the union stands firmly by their side. Through grassroots organising, we must build the confidence of members to strike back and win.

Please support UCU Left candidates for Vice President, Treasurer and for the National Executive Committee.

## UCU Left is supporting the following candidates in the NEC elections 26 January - 1 March 2023

<b>Vice President</b> Maria Chondrogianni	<b>North West FE</b> 1 Carol Cody	<b>UK-elected HE</b> 1 Marion Hersh	<b>LGBT+</b> 1 Bee Hughes
<b>Honorary Treasurer</b> Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver	<b>South HE</b> 1 Mark Abel	Roddy Storach	2 <b>Black members</b>
<b>Midlands HE</b> 1 Rhiannon Lockley	Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver	1 Dr Richard Wild	3 Juliana Ojinnaka
Alan Barker	2 Ryan Burns	Donna Brown	4 Cynthia Akwei
<b>North West HE</b> 1 Saira Weiner	<b>South FE</b> 2 Graeme Elliott	<b>UK-elected FE</b> 1 Sean Vernell	<b>Migrant members</b>
David Swanson	1 Graeme Elliott	Saleem Rashid	1 Dr Khizer Saeed
	<b>Scotland HE Hon. Secretary</b> 1 Dr Carlo Morelli	<b>Disabled</b> 1 Dr Marian Mayer	2 Omar Feraboli
			<b>Casually employed</b> 1 Sarah Lahm

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