

Why I'm standing

Election runs from 25 January -1 March

If elected, my objectives include:

Democracy

- Bringing UCU closer to the local membership. This means supporting rank-and-file organising, building elected strike committees and implementing Congress decisions.
- Achieving delegate entitlement for Equality Standing Committees to Congress, giving greater prominence to the equality issues.
- Building local support between FE and HE branches where we can work together in UCU Rising and Respect FE struggles.

Equality for our 4 nations

As a gay man of Irish and Welsh heritage, I passionately believe that our union should not be London centric, I believe:

- Bringing UCU closer to each of our four nations.
- Achieving levelling up of education to the highest standard across our four nations.
- Achieving levelling up of pay and conditions for UCU members to the highest point and standard across our four nations.
- Embracing and celebrating our cultural diversities.

Workers' rights

- Defend pay, pensions and working conditions.
- Abolish zero-hours contracts and end casualisation.
- Reduce excessive workloads.
- End the gender and race pay gap.
- Repeal all anti-union laws. Defend the right to strike.

Education

- Resist mergers and course closures that deny future generations access to post-16 education.

Vote Peter Evans for Vice President



Lecturer in business West London College in Hammersmith
Member of the NEC, representing LGBT+ members.
Vice Chair of my college branch.
Member of the Labour Party,

- Defend academic freedom.
- Challenge marketisation of education
- Campaign for better funding of post-16 education.
I teach refugees, and as the son of an Irish immigrant mother, who faced 'No blacks, no dogs, no Irish', with doors slammed in her face, I am proud to say refugees are welcome here!

Equality

- Fighting all structural oppressions – of race, age, gender, disability, sex and sexual orientation.
- Tackling deprivation and disadvantage in colleges and universities.
- Resist the attacks on Black academia.
- Ensuring equality is at the heart of UCU's bargaining agenda.

Support rural bus services for students and those aged 60+

Health

- Covid is still here. UCU needs to support members who have Long Covid and support measures to ensure safety in the workplace. We must hold politicians to account for their failures in the pandemic.
- UCU members educate many health professionals. We must support campaigns for better funding of NHS and social care.
- As a prostate cancer survivor, I'm active in promoting screening and campaigns for shorter waiting time for diagnosis and treatment.
- As a member of Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, where we now have HIV testing in hospital, I am pushing for the roll out across our four nations, PrEP must be made easily and freely available in primary care.

Internationalism

As a member of UCU's International Working Group, I work to:

- Stop the state-sanctioned murder of LGBTQ+ people around the world.
- Stand in solidarity with Palestinians in their resistance to occupation and struggle for a Palestinian state.
- Support workers in Ukraine in resistance to invasion and the struggle for a social Ukraine.

🌐 Website
<https://peterevans4vpucu.org/>

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<https://uculeft.org/ucu-elections-2024>