

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

John Parrington for Trustee

I have been active in the UCU since its inception. Since 2018 I have been a member of the branch committee of Oxford University UCU, and since 2021 I have been Branch Treasurer.

As Treasurer of Oxford University UCU I have been a faithful and responsible steward of the assets of a large UCU branch. I am familiar with the responsibilities and challenges faced by a Trustee in a different context, having played this role at Worcester College since 2002.

I have been inspired being a member of UCU, both in terms of the stance we have taken in our fight for better pay and conditions at work, and in how we put equality and diversity at the centre of the way we organize as a union.

We face very challenging times ahead. The failed market approach to education threatens not only many individual FE and HE institutions but the very future of quality further and higher education, and unfortunately this failed market approach looks set to continue under the new Labour government.



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There will be major battles in the next few years. Despite the huge contribution that FE and HE make to the British economy and society, **our pay is now worth 30% less in real terms** than previously. We will need to fight against the wave of redundancies in the sector, and against the scourge of widespread casualization, which are all a product of the failed market model and under-funding.

I am standing for the role of Trustee because I believe that my past experience in the UCU as Branch Treasurer and my other positions of responsibility make me well suited to this role, but also because I believe that we need to elect Trustees who understand that strong unity and organization are key to winning our demands.



I will be a faithful and responsible steward of UCU assets, making sure that we protect our ability to represent members, when they need representation, and keep our finances in good order, so that can continue operating as a successful and combative trade union.

I support building up the fighting fund so that we can support major disputes over pay and conditions and casualization, and the many challenges that we face over the next few years, at both national and local levels. **I consider inclusive activism the best way to achieve our goals.**

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