

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

## Nina Doran for North West FE

I've been an English and Teacher Training FE Lecturer and Adult Educator for over 30 years. My union roles include:

- UCU activist (15+ years) including roles as Branch Chair, Branch Secretary, Health & Safety and Union Learning Rep.
- Previously on North West Regional Committee, and served as Assistant Regional Secretary and Secretary.
- 2 terms on NEC.

Our sectors have been increasingly devalued; it is vital that we work to protect members' pay, terms and conditions in an environment where workload is increasingly challenging.

The post-16 sector used to have a well paid workforce, with a diverse curriculum and our professionalism was respected. We can have this again if we use our collective strength to raise awareness, organise and mobilise members.

As FE reps we need to be energetic and able to verbalise clearly the options we have as teachers and union members via campaigning on issues and organising events; this way we build hope, optimism, camaraderie and recruit new members.

We are all too aware of how our pay has devalued and the unacceptable pay inequality in our sector. I have been active in my branch, fighting for fair pay, negotiating with management, and gaining wins for the last 10 years.

**I understand the work required**, how to develop branch organisation and to effectively engage members as well as local councillors and MPs to build our profile, and fundraising to support members facing hardship, particularly our casualised staff.



The rhetoric from recent Conservative governments, the race riots this summer, and the rise of Reform emphasise the need for UCU to do everything it can to protect equality. **We must stand with our black, migrant, LGBTQ+, disabled and women member's.**

As regional delegate I was active in doubling the reps for disability and Health & Safety. I have volunteered for a Domestic Abuse Organisation in Liverpool for 25+ years.

If elected to NEC, I hope to bring the dynamism and vibrance of well-organised local disputes to the UK-wide level of FE work. Members need hope, optimism and strategies that can win in leadership, this is why I align with UCU Left.

VP, Trustee & NEC  
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