

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

Peta Bulmer for North West HE

I've been an active trade unionist all my working life, and in UCU I've taken on responsibilities at branch, regional, and national level:

- Branch (Uni of Liverpool UCU): current Secretary, previously President & Anti-Casualisation Officer
- North West Region: current Equalities Officer for Women
- NEC 2022-2024, and elected to the Education Committee and ROCC
- Current member of the LGBT+ Members' Standing Committee, and the Conduct of Members Committee.

These experiences at different levels of the union demonstrate my commitment to building a union that is member-led and accountable to its members. If elected to the NEC, I would be keen to meet regularly with members across the North West region, and serve as a conduit for information sharing and campaign building between branches and the UK-wide structures of the union.

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As a leading member of a branch which **successfully fought off redundancies** in 2021, I understand the importance of practical, tangible **solidarity between the branches**. It is an urgent priority for UCU to support branches now facing job cuts and course closures. But we must go further than this.

We need a strong, collective response to the crisis in higher education, and a union that engages and is led by its members, to demand that the Labour government commits to supporting and fully funding higher education.

The neoliberal marketisation of higher education has impoverished students, seen staff wages fall in real terms by about 30% over the last 15 years, drastically increased job insecurity, and intensified workloads to intolerable levels.

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There is such instability in the sector that we now face the possibility of some institutions going under. **We simply cannot carry on this way.**

With the UCU Solidarity Movement, which I helped to set up in 2020, **I've worked hard to build solidarity between UCU branches (in HE, FE and the prisons)** to fight effectively over job cuts, casualisation, and the marketisation of post-16 education. This rank-and-file activists' network has subsequently played a vital role in building support for disputes across the different sectors of the union.

I am committed to a democratic, member-led union that puts equalities at the heart of all of its activities, including trans rights, anti-racism, and Palestinian liberation.