

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

Rhiannon Lockley for Vice President

I am a Lecturer (Education and Social Work) at Birmingham City University. My background is in widening participation, previously working as an Access lecturer in Further Education. **I'm standing for election on a platform of building a united, member-led, democratic UCU.**

My experience:

I am very experienced in chairing, and also in negotiating and bargaining.

- BCU Chair (2021-present), Secretary (BCU, Halesowen College)
- NEC Midlands FE (2017-2019), Midlands HE (2021-present)
- West Midlands Chair (2015-2018), (2022-present)
- Equality Chair (2023-present), chairing two UK-wide hybrid conferences.
- Established BCU JNCC while locked out of sector-bargaining, extensive negotiation on a range of issues.

As VP I will chair the union, its committees and conferences in a way which upholds democracy and builds unity.

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Strong democracy and unity are urgent priorities for us to build a union fit to take on the rapid dismantling of the education sector, and the wider, connected challenge of the growth and legitimisation of the Far Right.

As a negotiator I know the importance of **respecting the democratic mandate we are awarded by member decisions**, and the central importance of organising leverage for any negotiations to be meaningful.

I understand our union and listen to members.

I worked in FE (2005-2018) before moving to HE. As regional chair, I've organised with ACE and Prison Education, with students and other unions.

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At BCU, I've built representation for Professional Services. I'm studying for a doctorate (focusing on education unions), understanding PGR issues. I'm a highly experienced caseworker.

HE must resist attacks on jobs, pension threats, and erosion of curriculum and research. **FE** needs investment and pay parity. **ACE** needs to be re-established as central to community growth. **Prison educators** urgently need safety in the workplace.

Pay, equality, workload, job-security and bargaining machinery are key priorities across our sectors. We are seeing the post-16 sector under attack. We must be united and confident in taking on this threat.