

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to November's edition of eNews for Reps, included in this month's edition:

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- **All the upcoming events including information about the HE Seminar on Coalition Education Policy, Equality Conferences and FE Staff Governors Conference.**

Thank you for all your recent suggestions for eNews for Reps, some of which have been incorporated in the latest edition. However, if you have any further suggestions comments or ideas please feel free to send them to mwhelton@ucu.org.uk

1. REPS RESOURCES

'Pass it on....' and WIN £200 book tokens!

With the academic year now underway, many of you will have new colleagues starting work at your college or university. Recruitment is of course vital to the health of the union and it's really important that all new staff know about UCU and are encouraged to join as soon as they start their new job, along with encouraging colleagues who are not members to join. We're currently running a 'Pass it on....' recruit a colleague campaign and we are now offering a prize for the member who gets the most colleagues to join UCU online using this link

<http://join.web.ucu.org.uk/ym10>

We have also produced a range of new join UCU posters, to download them click here:

Poster 1: http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/8/2/Poster_1_A3.pdf

Poster 2: http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/b/r/Poster_2_A3.pdf

Poster 3: http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/c/k/Poster_3_A3.pdf

Poster 4: http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/d/6/Poster_4_A3.pdf

If you would like additional join UCU forms or hard copies of recruitment posters, please e-mail mwhelton@ucu.org.uk. Please let us know about your recruitment activities and if you would like any advice on organising a recruitment event please e-mail jwhite@ucu.org.uk

TPS resources for FE, adult and post-92 reps

UCU has produced a new leaflet and poster to help TPS branches make the case for the strike action on 30 November. You can see the new leaflet and poster to help branches make the case for the strike action on 30 November here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/tps-underattack>

Hard copies of the leaflets and posters should be arriving with branches over the next week.

An updated briefing for members in TPS has been produced setting out the changes to the scheme, how they will impact on you, setting out the union's position and its strategy and including new mythbusters to counter the popular misconceptions peddled around pensions. You can download this today here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/tps-underattack>

Members of the Scottish (STSS) and Northern Irish Teachers' Pension (NITPS) schemes are being balloted on whether to join the campaign starting from next week. You can read a briefing for STSS members here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/stss>

Members in Northern Ireland should download this document: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/tps-underattack>

You can also keep up with the latest from the TUC here: <http://pensionsjustice.org.uk/>

USS resources for pre-92 reps

Our new campaign poster 'Reclaim your Weekend!' urges you to defend your right to a decent retirement by reclaiming your right to a life. To Download the 'Reclaim your Weekend poster' and other USS campaign resources including flyers, please click here:

<http://defenduss.web.ucu.org.uk/resources/>

If you would like a hardcopy of the poster sent to you, please e-mail mwhelton@ucu.org.uk

***WHAT REPS CAN DO*:**

Continue to pass on information to members on working to contract – It is making a difference!

They can download our advice here: <http://defenduss.web.ucu.org.uk/faqs/>

Read and pass on other members' personal stories from the action here:

<http://defenduss.web.ucu.org.uk/news-from-members/>

Read all the latest action here: <http://defenduss.web.ucu.org.uk/local-activity/>

Tell us what you're doing by emailing jwhite@ucu.org.uk

UCU Anti-stress and Bullying Week resources

This week sees UCU's 'Anti-stress and Bullying Week' and we've produced a number of posters and leaflets for reps to use during the week. You can download all the materials we've produced here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5799>

If you want to order hard-copies of the materials or are planning any activity, please email mwhelton@ucu.org.uk

UCU has also released a report that revealed stress levels are on the rise in further and higher education. The report shows that that over four-fifths of members working in both sectors found their jobs stressful in 2010, with stress levels increasing by three percent in colleges and seven percent in universities.

Read more:

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5807> – further education summary

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5809> – higher education summary

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2132> – health and safety resource centre

Fighting the White Paper resources

Since 2007, UCU has been campaigning against privatisation in both sectors and raising the issue of the rise of for-profit providers. The Coalition government's White Paper for higher education marks a new stage in this process and accordingly the union has stepped up its campaigning, much of which is captured on our campaign blogsite here:

<http://whitepaper.web.ucu.org.uk/>. Here's a reminder of some of the top initiatives and resources:

- Privatising our Universities report:
http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/9/6/ucu_privatisingouruniversities_feb10.pdf
- Briefing on for-profit providers:
http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/k/l/ucu_subprimeed_briefing_sep10.pdf
- White Paper Speaker Notes: <http://whitepaper.web.ucu.org.uk/2011/07/15/new-resource-ucu-speaker-notes-on-the-white-paper/>
- Report on private providers based on survey of 500 professors:
http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/1/f/ucu_forprofited_steptoofar_jun11.pdf
- Early Day Motion 1999, signed by 132 MPs, with 3000 members lobbying their MPs:
<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-12/1999>
- Speaker notes to accompany film of 'College Inc.':
http://www.ucu.org.uk/media/pdf/m/5/College_Inc_speaker_notes.pdf
- 16,500 signatures on No Confidence petition in the government's policies:
<https://www.ucu.org.uk/noconfidence>
- Full response to White Paper consultation:
<http://whitepaper.web.ucu.org.uk/2011/09/22/students-at-the-heart-of-the-system-white-paper-response/>
- Support for other campaigns, including Alternative White Paper:
<http://whitepaper.web.ucu.org.uk/resources/>

- Updated briefing on for-profit providers: <http://whitepaper.web.ucu.org.uk/2011/08/05/new-ucu-briefing-on-for-profit-he-and-the-white-paper/>

2. FIND OUT MORE

Want to stay updated? For all the latest UCU updates, or to receive a weekly email about important additions and changes to the UCU website, please click

here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/stayupdated>

For the latest UCU Campaigns Update which is sent to branches each Friday, please click

here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1698>

Hundreds have already joined UCU Campaigns on Facebook, to sign up or to see the latest updates, please click here: <http://www.facebook.com/ucu.campaigns> or to follow UCU on

Twitter, please click here: <http://twitter.com/ucu>

For the latest edition of HE news, please click here <http://www.ucu.org.uk/henews>

For the latest edition of FE news, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/fenews>

For the latest edition of Health and Safety news, please click

here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/hsnews>

For the latest edition of Equality News, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/eqnews>

UCU produces Politics Monthly with the latest developments in Westminster and the devolved administrations in Edinburgh Cardiff and Belfast, for the latest edition, please click here:

www.ucu.org.uk/politicsmonthly

For the latest edition of environment news, please click here:

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/environment>

For the latest edition of international news, please click here:

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/internationalnews>

3. TRAINING

Last academic year UCU trained 1500 reps and officers throughout the UK. In the challenging year ahead we need to continue to identify and encourage members to come forward and be trained to maintain a strong and healthy UCU presence within branches and LAs.

Whether you are an existing UCU activist or you are considering taking on a more active role within your UCU branch we have a course for you. We also have a range of different courses including reps; health and safety reps; environmental/green reps, equality reps; union learning reps and many others which may be of interest to reps.

For London, South East & Eastern, please click here:

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4797>

For the Midlands, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4832>

For the North West region, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4850>

For the Northern region, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4864>

For the South West region, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4818>

For the Southern region, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4828>

For Yorkshire & Humberside, please click here:

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4854>

For Northern Ireland, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4886>

For Scotland, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4806>

For Wales, please click here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4880>

There is also information on trade union rights to time off to train and model letters to use when requesting time off to train

<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4780&detailid=4787>

We also have a full list of training FAQ's here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4780>

UCU reps are entitled to attend locally run **TUC** courses:

[Click here to find courses near you](#)

All UCU reps and officers are also entitled to apply for TUC **online** learning courses:

[Click here for more on the TUC online learning programme](#)

Thompsons Solicitors also run short online free training sessions:
<http://www.thompsons.law.co.uk/etraining/etraining.htm>

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

HE Teacher Educators' Seminar: Coalition Education Policy – State Education Versus State-Funded Education: UCU Head Office, London: Wednesday 9 November (afternoon)

This seminar has been organised for HE-members educating school teachers. The speakers at the seminar include James Noble-Rogers, Chief Executive of UCET, Melissa Benn, recent author of 'School Wars' and Professor Ken Jones, head of Goldsmiths, University of London's education department.

A panel debate chaired by Simon Renton, UCU Vice-President HE, will draw out discussion further and give members the opportunity to contribute to UCU policy development and help shape the UCU campaign on teacher education.

For further details of the conference and how to register, please click here:
www.ucu.org.uk/seminarcoalitioneducationpolicy

UCU-LSIS-UNISON FE Staff Governors Conference 2011

The annual UCU-LSIS-UNISON FE Staff Governors Conference will be on Thursday 24 November, 10.30am to 4pm at UCU's head office, Carlow St, London NW1 7LH. The title of this year's conference is 'New Government, New Institutions: Change and Development in College Structures and Governance'. Rob Wye, CEO of the Learning and Skills Improvement Service, will be the keynote speaker and there will be case studies from colleges. The conference will explore some of the developments around college structures and partnerships that are beginning to emerge. There will be a small fee of £35 for the conference. Those interested should email: dhendry@ucu.org.uk.

UCU's Annual Equality Conferences

Registrations are now open for UCU members to attend this year's Annual Equality Conferences which will be held at UCU Head Office, Carlow Street, London from 10:00am to 4:30pm on the following dates:

Black members – Friday 11th November

Disabled members – Friday 25th November

Information and deadlines on registration, nomination and submission of motions can be found here: <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1868>

5. FOR MORE INFO

Our job is to help. If you need advice we will try to help you or point you in the direction of someone who can, please e-mail campaigns@ucu.org.uk

UCU has more than 4,000 reps. We rely on you to give us the latest information. If your role has changed and you are no longer a rep, or you wish to unsubscribe, please e-mail mwhelton@ucu.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Campaigns Team.

