

NEWSLETTER **UCU**

University and College Union

Bulletin for Eastern and Home Counties Regional Committee

September 2019

Next Meeting 5th October – Guest Speaker



Douglas Chalmers, UCU President

The Meadows Community Centre, 1 St Catherine's Road, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ.

<https://goo.gl/maps/dxyMnESCgxm>.

The meeting is 11.00 to 2.30. Tea, Coffee and cake are provided.

Save the Dates for 2020 meetings

8th February – Venue TBC

18th April – Venue TBC

EHRC Executive Committee 19-20

Chairperson – Peter Monaghan. WBL Assessor in Wood Trades and branch Secretary at Cambridge Regional College. PMonaghan@camre.ac.uk

Vice Chairperson – VACANCY

Secretary/Training Rep – Nadia Felgate. Lecturer in Childcare and branch Chairperson at Suffolk New College. nadiafelgate@suffolk.ac.uk

Treasurer – Joe Gluza - Cambridge University. Contact - jlg1@hermes.cam.ac.uk

Equality Rep – VACANCY

Green Rep – VACANCY

Health and Safety Rep - VACANCY

UCU Annual Congress

Our annual conference took place in Harrogate. For more details, including the new general Secretary Jo Grady's speech see: <https://www.ucu.org.uk/Congress2019>. Congress was well supported by Reps from our region, some of whom spoke. We arranged a meal together at Bistrot Pierre on the Saturday evening that was enjoyed by all.

Look out for details of Congress 2020 in Bournemouth 27th – 29th May.

Regional Committee website

For more information about UCU see:

<http://ehcr.web.ucu.org.uk/>



Follow the Regional Office on twitter

<https://twitter.com/UCUEHCRegion>

FE Fights Back

Just outside our region Nottingham College are taking further action over new contracts that would leave many significantly worse off on pay, holiday, sick leave and workload protection.

Please send solidarity to the **UCU reps Kitty Howarth and Rob Peutrell** and follow the branch on **Twitter**. Remaining dates are 30 September; 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 October.

Higher education ballots: your vote is your voice

Don't forget to use your vote in the ballots now underway in higher education and if you have lost or cannot find your ballot pack, you can order a replacement **here**. Please stand up for education and a fair deal for HE staff by voting YES for action and show the employers we are prepared to stand up and be counted.

Climate Action Solidarity!

School students took strike action to protest against the inaction on climate change that threatens their future. On Sept 20th UCU members supported the action across the UK

<https://www.ucu.org.uk/article/10289/Climate-shutdown>



Wear red for Anti-Racism day 18th October 2019

Ask your institution to put this event in their calendar to proactively demonstrate against racism – more info **here** - <https://www.theredcard.org/wear-red-day>

Senior Reps Briefing

2 December 2019

2 March 2020

8 June 2020

Venue: UCU Carlow Street,

London, NW1 7LH.

Lunch & refreshments provided
Delivered by Lydia and the regional team, the briefings aim to update reps on latest events regionally and nationally as well as focus on specific issues that branches are facing. Plus we normally have cake. Please send 2 delegates per branch- email easternadmin@ucu.org.uk

Retired Members branch. Save the dates!

Wednesday January 29th 2020

12.45- 2.45 followed by optional lunch at Cote Brasserie

Wednesday April 15th 2020; 2-4pm

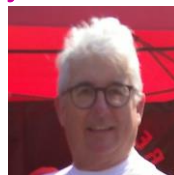
Wednesday July 1st 2020 ; 2-4pm

Venue: Michael house, Trinity Street, Cambridge, CB2 1SU

Contact details: ***Newly Elected**

Secretary Steve Boyce -

stephen.25boyce@btinternet.com



Burston Strike Rally!

Another great year with UCU stall at Burston celebrating the historic strike action of children, which is very poignant given the amazing world events of the Climate Strike on Sept 20th. If you missed or have never been, we will be back next year on the 1st Sunday of Sept.

<https://burstonstrikeschool.co.uk/>

