

UCU elections 2026



The following list is our recommended votes in the UCU NEC Elections 2026.

Members of UCU Commons are identified in *italics*. We also support the other candidates listed. Apart from our own candidates, who we encourage you to number first, names are listed in alphabetical order. Please vote for all candidates listed in each category below in your preferred order.

Vice President from the further education sector

Suzi Toole (Bolton College)

By-election Vice President from the higher education sector

Mark Pendleton (*The University of Sheffield*)

UK-elected members HE

- *Dr Matthew J. Barnard (Manchester Metropolitan University)*
- *Dr Gillian Jack (Open University)*
- *Professor Alex Prichard (University of Exeter)*
- Michael Abberton (University of Cambridge)
- Anastasia Christou (Middlesex University)
- Bianca de Haan (Brunel University)

UK-elected members FE

- Rav Lall (Harrow, Richmond & Uxbridge Colleges)
- Maria Vasquez-Aguilar (City Literary Institute)

Representatives of women members in the higher education sector

- *Dr Gillian Jack (Open University)*
- Poppy Gerrard-Abbott (University of Edinburgh)
- Anastasia Christou (Middlesex University)

Representatives of women members in the further education sector

- Monica Lawson (New College Swindon)
- Maxine Looby (Oldham College)

North East HE

- Terry Murphy (Teesside University)

London and the East HE

- Michael Abberton (University of Cambridge)
- Anastasia Christou (Middlesex University)
- Bianca de Haan (Brunel University)

London and the East FE

- Mark Murphy (London South East Colleges)
- Averil Young (West Suffolk College)

FE North West Casual Vacancy

- Dr Andrew Oldham (Hopwood Hall College)

You will not have a vote for every category, but **it is essential that you exercise your vote in every category that is included on your ballot.** FE members can vote for some HE candidates and vice versa, and we strongly recommend that you do so.