



VOTE YES

**IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL
STRIKE ACTION BALLOT FOR
FURTHER EDUCATION**

E-Ballot
consultation closes
Friday 20 June

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

UCU is running an e-ballot consultation of members in further education (FE) colleges in England to find out the level of support for a strike ballot this autumn to win a New Deal for FE.

The e-ballot will open on **THURSDAY 22 MAY** and close on **FRIDAY 20 JUNE** and you'll receive a UCU email containing a unique weblink to cast your vote.

WHAT IS THE NEW DEAL FOR FE ABOUT?

You deserve professional respect, decent terms and conditions, and manageable workloads. The pay gap with schools must close if staff are to be attracted and retained in FE. Sector level pay bargaining must be meaningful so that offers made are implemented across the sector.

The campaign is built on three fundamental demands:

- Pay parity with schoolteachers in England
- National workload agreements
- Fully funded and sector level national bargaining.

You now have a chance to join thousands of other UCU members and help decide how UCU wins this new deal.

WHY NOW?

The UK Labour government offers the potential for a generational opportunity to reset FE at the heart of the post-16 education and skills agenda. So far, they haven't delivered, but with the upcoming spending review and post-16 education white paper, we believe that the time is right to apply pressure to win a new deal for FE.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

The FE sector conference (FESC) at Congress in May will decide how and when the campaign is escalated in the autumn. This could mean moving to a strike ballot if delegates vote for one. The Further Education Committee (FEC) then meets in early July to consider the e-ballot consultation result and the implementation of the decisions of the FESC.

We want to secure the highest turnout possible in this e-ballot as it will be an important factor in the decision making that follows.

Join the fight for a new deal: vote YES in the e-ballot.

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