

# University and College Union

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**To** Branch and local association secretaries  
**Topic** **Calendar of meetings 2025/26**  
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Dear Colleague

## **UCU calendar of meetings 2025-26**

The calendar of meetings of Congress, the national executive committee and its sub-committees, and equality standing and special employment interest group committees, is set out below. Equality conferences, national annual meetings of employment special interest groups and other annual meetings are included in the calendar. Time periods for the scheduling of regional committees are included.

### **Congress (2026 meeting), Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 May 2026**

Congress will be held **Wednesday 27 - Friday 29 May 2026**. Branch/local association secretaries are asked to take the following deadlines into account when planning their meetings for 2025-2026:

#### **Deadline for the submission of motions: 12 noon, Friday 13 March 2026**

Congress motions, as set out in the first report of the Congress Business Committee, will be available in the week beginning 30 March.

#### **Deadline for the submission of amendments: 12 noon, Friday 1 May 2026**

### **Committees**

Information about UCU's decision-making structures can be found at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2177>. The following committees are sub-committees of the NEC:

Education committee  
Equality committee  
Further education committee  
Higher education committee  
Recruitment, organising and campaigning committee  
Strategy and finance committee

The equality standing committees and special employment interest group committees listed below are elected by members at the relevant equality conferences and annual

meetings. Dates for these conferences and annual meetings, and related deadlines, are also set out below, but **please note that all arrangements for member meetings are subject to confirmation:**

**Annual meeting of retired members' branches: Wednesday 5 November 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Wednesday 15 October.

Deadline for registration Friday 24 October

Deadline for submission of committee nominations: Wednesday 22 October.

**Annual meeting of climate and ecological emergency reps: Wednesday 3 December 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Wednesday 12 November

Deadline for registration Monday 24 November

Deadline for submission of committee nominations: Wednesday 19 November

**Annual conference of women members: Friday 14 November 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday 24 October

Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline:  
Friday 31 October

**Annual conference of LGBT+ members: Saturday 15 November 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday October

Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline:  
Friday 31 October

**Annual conference of disabled members: Thursday 20 November 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Thursday 30 November

Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline  
Thursday 6 November

**Annual conference of black members: Friday 21 November 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: 31 October

Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline  
7 November

**Annual conference of migrant members: Friday 5 December 2025**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday 14 November

Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline:  
Friday 21 November

**Annual meeting of prison educators: Friday 20 February 2026**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday 30 February  
Deadline for registration of delegates: Friday 6 February

**Academic related, professional staff annual meeting: Thursday 26 February 2026**

Deadline for submission of motions: Thursday 5 February  
Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline:  
Thursday 12 February

**Annual meeting for staff on casualised contracts: Saturday 28 February 2026**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday 6 February  
Deadline for submission of committee nominations & registration deadline:  
Friday 13 February

**Annual meeting of adult and continuing education (ACE) staff: Saturday 7 March 2026**

Deadline for submission of motions: Friday 12 February  
Deadline for registration: Friday 20 February

**Regional committees:** regional committee meetings to be held during the following periods:

Fifteen days from 13 September  
Fifteen days from 24 January  
Fifteen days from 11 April

Yours sincerely

Jo Grady  
General Secretary

## UCU Calendar 2025-26

<b>June 2025</b>	
Thursday 19 June	Induction for new NEC members
Friday 20 June	National executive committee
<b>July 2025</b>	
Wednesday 2 July	Anti-casualisation committee
Friday 4 July	Higher education committee Further education committee
Thursday 10 July	Academic related professional staff committee Climate and ecological emergency committee
<b>September 2025</b>	
Friday 5 September	Strategy and finance committee
<i>Sunday 7 September to Wednesday 10 September</i>	<i>TUC Congress</i>
Friday 12 September	Women members' standing committee LGBT+ members' standing committee
<i>15 days from 13 September</i>	<i>Regional committees</i>
Thursday 18 September	Migrant members' standing committee
Friday 19 September	Black members' standing committee Disabled members' standing committee International working group
Friday 26 September	Further education committee
<b>October 2025</b>	
Wednesday 1 October	Retired members committee
Friday 3 October	Education committee
Thursday 9 October	Climate and ecological emergency committee

Friday 10 October	Higher education committee
Friday 17 October	Recruitment, organising and campaigning committee
Friday 24 October	Equality committee
<b>November 2025</b>	
Wednesday 5 November	Annual meeting of retired members branches
Friday 7 November	National executive committee
Friday 14 November	Annual conference of women members
Saturday 15 November	Annual conference of LGBT+ members
Thursday 20 November	Annual conference of disabled members
Friday 21 November	Annual conference of black members
Wednesday 26 November	Anti-casualisation committee
Thursday 27 November	Academic related, professional staff committee
<b>December 2025</b>	
Wednesday 3 December	Annual meeting of climate and ecological emergency reps
Friday 5 December	Annual meeting of migrant members
<b>January 2026</b>	
Friday 16 January	Women members' standing committee LGBT+ members' standing committee
Thursday 22 January	Migrant members' standing committee
Friday 23 January	Disabled members' standing committee International working group Black members' standing committee
<i>21 days from 24 January</i>	<i>Regional committees</i>
Friday 30 January	Education committee
<b>February 2026</b>	
Wednesday 4 February	Retired members committee
Friday 6 February	Recruitment, organising and campaigning committee
Thursday 12 February	Climate and ecological emergency committee
Friday 13 February	Equality committee

Friday 20 February	Annual meeting of prison educators
Thursday 26 February	Annual meeting of trustees and general secretary Annual meeting of academic related, professional staff
Friday 27 February	Strategy and finance committee
Saturday 28 February	Annual meeting of staff on casual contracts
<b>March 2026</b>	
Friday 6 March	Further education committee Higher education committee
Saturday 7 March	Adult education annual meeting
Friday 13 March	National executive committee Congress motion deadline
Friday 27 March	Congress business committee, first meeting
<b>April 2026</b>	
Thursday 2 April	CLOSURE DAY
Friday 3 April	CLOSURE DAY
Tuesday 7 April	CLOSURE DAY
<i>15 days from 11 April</i>	<i>Regional committees</i>
Tuesday 14 April	Anti-casualisation committee
Wednesday 15 April	Retired members committee
Thursday 16 April	Migrant members' standing committee Academic related, professional staff committee
Friday 17 April	Higher education committee Further education committee
Friday 24 April	Strategy and finance committee <b><i>The following meetings are subject to review</i></b> Women members' standing committee LGBT+ members' standing committee Black members' standing committee Disabled members' standing committee

<b>May 2026</b>	
Friday 1 May	National executive committee Congress amendment deadline
Friday 8 May	Congress business committee, second meeting
Tuesday 26 May	Pre-Congress meetings of the national executive committee and Congress business committee
Wed 27 May – Friday 29 May	Congress
<b>June 2026</b>	
Friday 12 June	Induction for new NEC members
Friday 19 June	National executive committee
Friday 26 June	Higher education committee Further education committee
<b>July 2026</b>	
Wednesday 8 July	Anti-casualisation committee
Thursday 9 July	Academic related professional staff committee