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To Branch and local association secretaries

Topic **Results of UCU NEC elections 2026**

Action For information

Summary Results of UCU elections

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Dear Colleague

Results of UCU NEC elections 2026

The results of ballots to elect Vice-President from the further education sector (becoming President in 2028-29), by-election Vice-President from the higher education sector (becoming President in 2029-2030) and National Executive Committee members, which closed at 5pm, 2 March 2026, and were published on UCU's website, are confirmed in this circular.

A list of all candidates declared elected is set out overleaf. All terms of office begin on 29 May 2026, excluding the North West FE casual vacancy, whose term of office will be from the declaration of the election result until the end of UCU's annual Congress in 2027.

The scrutineer's reports, including count sheets, are available online at www.ucu.org.uk/elections. Any member may request a copy of the scrutineer's reports from the Democratic Services team by emailing demservices@ucu.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Chondrogianni
President and Returning Officer

UCU NEC elections 2026: results

Vice-President from the further education sector (becoming President in 2028-29)

Suzi Toole (Bolton College)

By-election Vice-President from the higher education sector (becoming President in 2029-2030)

Dr Mark Pendleton (University of Sheffield)

Geographically-elected members of the National Executive Committee

Northern Ireland HE (1 seat) [uncontested]

Aisling O'Beirn (Ulster University)

Northern Ireland FE (1 seat) [uncontested]

Ms Bernie Rutherford (North West Regional College)

Wales HE (1 seat)

No nominations received

North East HE (3 seats)

Terry Murphy (Teesside University)

Matt Perry (Newcastle University)

Susan Fitzpatrick (York St John University)

North East FE (1 seat) [uncontested]

Rachel Minshull (Luminate Education Group (Leeds City))

London and the East HE (5 seats) [at least two must be women]

Michael Abberton (University of Cambridge)

Sean Wallis (University College London)

Dr Bianca de Haan (Brunel University) [woman]

Professor Anastasia Christou (Middlesex University) [woman]

Christina Jessika Marie Paine (London Metropolitan University) [woman]

London and the East FE (2 seats)

Sean Vernell (Capital City College Group CANDI Camden Road)

Regine Pilling (Capital City College Group Kingsway / Kings Cross)

UK-elected members HE (5 seats) [at least one post-1992, at least one academic related role , at least one woman]

Professor Alex Prichard (University of Exeter)

Dr Marion Hersh (University of Glasgow)

Dr Gillian Jack (Open University) [woman]

Jo Taplin-Green (London School of Economics) [woman] [academic related role]

Dr Matthew J. Barnard (Manchester Metropolitan University) [Post 92]

UK-elected members FE (3 seats) [at least one ACE, at least one woman]

Jill Kennedy-McNeill (Morley College)[woman] [ACE]

Maria Vasquez-Aguilar (City Literary Institute) [woman] [ACE]

Duncan Moore (South Devon College)

Representatives of women members in the higher education sector (3 seats)

Poppy Gerrard-Abbott (University of Edinburgh)

Dr Rhian Elinor Keyse (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)

Dr Deepa Govindarajan Driver (University of Reading)

Representatives of women members in the further education sector (2 seats)

Safia Flissi (South and City College Birmingham)

Maxine Looby (Oldham College)

Casual vacancy

FE North West casual vacancy (1 seat)

Dr Andrew Oldham (Hopwood Hall College)