

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION

UCU OFFICER AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2026

NEC SEATS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

CLOSE OF VOTING: 5PM ON 02 MARCH 2026

CONTEST: North East

3 to elect

*The election was conducted using the single transferable vote electoral system.
The following candidates were elected (in order of election):*

ELECTED	
Terry MURPHY	
Matt PERRY	
Susan FITZPATRICK	

Number of eligible voters		11,129
Votes cast by post:	1,137	
Total number of votes cast:		1,137
Turnout:		10.2%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		69
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		1,068

CONTEST: London & the East

5 to elect including at least 2 women

*The election was conducted using the single transferable vote electoral system.
The following candidates were elected (in order of election):*

ELECTED	
Michael ABBERTON	
Sean WALLIS	
Dr Bianca DE HAAN	
Professor Anastasia CHRISTOU	
Christina Jessika Marie PAINE	

Number of eligible voters		20,161
Votes cast by post:	1,832	
Total number of votes cast:		1,832
Turnout:		9.1%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		70
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		1,762



CONTEST: Northern Ireland

The following candidate was elected unopposed:

Aisling O' BEIRN

CONTEST: Wales

No nominations received.

CONTEST: UK Elected Members

5 to elect, including at least 1 post-92, at least 1 in an academic-related role and at least 1 woman

The election was conducted using the single transferable vote electoral system.

The following candidates were elected (in order of election):

ELECTED		
Professor Alex PRICHARD		
Dr Marion HERSH		
Dr Gillian JACK		
Jo TAPLIN-GREEN		
Dr Matthew J. BARNARD		

Number of eligible voters		
		79,641
Votes cast by post:		7,325
Total number of votes cast:		7,325
Turnout:		9.2%
Number of votes found to be invalid:		387
Total number of valid votes to be counted:		6,938

The result sheets for each election form the Appendices to this report. They detail:-

- the quotas required for election
- each candidate's voting figures, and
- the stages at which the successful candidates were elected.

As Scrutineers appointed in accordance with Section 49 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended), we are satisfied as to each of the matters specified in subsection 52(2) with regard to the election. The following points should be noted:

The person appointed under section 51A to carry out the storage and counting of voting papers was Civica Election Services Limited.

The person appointed under section 51A to carry out the distribution of voting papers was Civica Election Services Limited.



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A copy of the register of voters (as at the relevant date) was examined in accordance with section 49(3). The examination took place at our own instance and did not reveal any matter that should be brought to the attention of the trade union.

We would draw your attention to sections 52(4), 52(5), and 52(6). Section 52(4) requires that a copy of this report be published and made available to all members of the union within a three month period from today. This does not, however, mean that every member has to be notified individually.

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