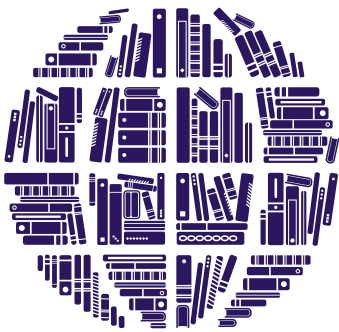


Defend Public Education



UCU CONFERENCE

Saturday 10 March 2012, 10.15am–4.15pm
University of London Union
Malet Street, London WC1

We are witnessing an unprecedented attack on our public education system. The themes are the same across sectors: cuts, privatisation, fees and the narrowing of the curriculum. The results are the effective ending of the right of access for all to a publicly funded education system and to lifelong learning, and its replacement by a system that promotes social inequality and excludes learners with the greatest needs and the least means.

The conference will be chaired by Tom Wilson, Director of unionlearn

Speakers

- Professor Ken Spours, Institute of Education, on the political attack on public education
- Lisa Nandy, MP, on the real meaning of educational opportunity
- Professor John Holmwood, Campaign for the Public University, on the poverty of the government's vision for our higher education institutions

The conference will include:

- panel discussion with contributions from NUS, schools, adult and ESOL representatives
- workshops on *towards a manifesto for public education* – a chance for all delegates to contribute to the alternative vision for education.

This conference brings together UCU members and colleagues from across all education sectors to discuss a common platform of principles around which all those committed to the defence of education can rally.

For further information and to register go to: www.ucu.org.uk/defendpubliceducation
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