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reasons for prison educators to join UCU

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There has never been a better time to join your union

With economic uncertainties and OLASS 4 leading to redundancies and changes to the core day, you need a union that stands up for you. With over 116,000 members, UCU is the largest post-school education union in the world.

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Supporting members

Whether it is stress, contracts, bullying or redundancies, we help our members with problems at work. Our reps work in prisons and provide support to members – backed by full-time regional and national officials. We also have an excellent legal scheme. However, you need to be a member before you have a problem in order to access this service – so please join us today.

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Negotiating with Milton Keynes College

UCU's Milton Keynes College prison education branch meets regularly with management to negotiate on behalf of prison education staff on a wide range of issues. A collective approach can be more effective than an individual one.

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A branch that keeps in touch with its members

UCU's MKC prison education branch regularly updates members on negotiations, consults about issues and takes up concerns raised.

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Tackling the issues that matter to you

OLASS 4 has led to redundancies and changes to the core day. UCU has been representing members and negotiating to make sure staff are treated fairly. Where prisons have closed UCU has made sure that members receive support, representation and wherever possible maximise their employment options.

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A national voice

Nationally we negotiate your pay. UCU raises prison education issues in Parliament and with professional bodies, NOMS and other agencies. UCU has been instrumental in securing an exclusion procedure which guarantees fairness.

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Confidential support 24/7

As a UCU member you have access to confidential support by phone or online, provided by trained professionals at Recourse – an independent organisation providing personal and practical help with issues including stress, financial problems and dealing with difficult people.

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An investment in your career

Membership subs are banded depending on how much you earn eg £2.58 per month if you earn less than £5,000 and £4.88 if you earn less than £10,000 a year. And you can claim tax relief against a proportion of your subs.

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Saving you money – and a free personal injury service

You can make savings on a range of financial products and get advice on your finances or pension. For work-related accidents or diseases, we have a cost free compensation scheme provided by specialist personal injury lawyers.

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

UCU is proud to represent prison education members. The more members we have, the more we can achieve. In these difficult times there has never been a better time to join a union. **Join us today!**

- **Join at:** join.ucu.org.uk
- **Membership information:** www.ucu.org.uk/whyjoin
- **UCU prison education:** www.ucu.org.uk/prisons