

Why YOU should join UCU

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Your union: We are the main education union representing teaching staff and managers in adult and community education including full-time, fractional salaried and hourly-paid part-time lecturers. With almost 110,000 members we are the largest post-school education union in the world.

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Join today: Funding cuts and reorganisations mean there has never been a better time to join your union

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Support: UCU members can get representation and support from trained UCU representatives and full-time officials as well as expert legal advice. Last year, UCU's legal services won more than £7 million in settlements for members treated unfairly at work.

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A local voice: UCU adult and community education branches across the country negotiate pay and conditions of service at a local level.

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Part-time and fixed-term contract staff: We campaign to ensure that staff on fixed-term and part-time contracts are treated no less favourably than permanent full-time members of staff. Hourly-paid members can join a national network and download our survival guide here: www.ucu.org.uk/hpsurvivalguide

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A national voice: We represent your profession to government and professional bodies. UCU campaigns to defend jobs and education provision, and to end graded lesson observations. UCU opposes cuts to ESOL (English for speakers of other languages).

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Support 24 hours a day: Through Recourse, we offer a one-to-one counselling and advice service on a range of issues including stress and debt. www.ucu.org.uk/recourse

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Membership benefits: UCU offers a range of free CPD (continuing professional development) courses including classroom management and voice care: <http://cpd.web.ucu.org.uk> We also offer pension and financial advice, and savings on a range of products.

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Subscription rates: These vary according to what you earn. If you earn less than £5,000 it costs £2.67 per month. You can also claim tax relief on a proportion of your subscription.

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INVEST IN YOUR CAREER JOIN UCU TODAY

We aim to ensure the commitment and professionalism of staff in adult and community education is valued and rewarded – and the more members we have, the more we can achieve.

For more information about UCU: www.ucu.org.uk/whyjoin

To Join go to: join.ucu.org.uk

Or ask your local rep for an application form