



To: All branches and committees of UCU

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Dear colleague

**Ref: presidential team engagement with members**

As president of UCU, I would like to extend an offer from myself and other 2019/20 representatives of the national officer team to come and talk to members, listen to their priorities and discuss how we, the presidential team can best engage with branches and committees of the union and offer you the best possible support for the year ahead.

It may be that you are now planning the annual calendar of meetings for your branch or committee and would you like to schedule in a speaker from the officer team who could come and talk about further or higher education issues, national union challenges or other matters important to our members in your area.

The FEC, HEC and NEC, alongside standing committees and special interest committees of our union are working hard year-round to represent member views and as officers of the union we are keen to consider and feed in all ideas, views and concerns of members to these fora. Direct discussions with committees can only assist with good communication, representation and democratisation of our union and its structures.

On behalf of myself and the 2019/20 presidential team, we look forward to hearing from you and meeting members in your area over the coming twelve months and should you wish for a speaker to be arranged, please contact me via email at [president@ucu.org.uk](mailto:president@ucu.org.uk) and copy in [ismith@ucu.org.uk](mailto:ismith@ucu.org.uk) who supports the presidential team.

In unity,

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