



## **UCU Congress 2018**

# **Fringe meetings and social events**

***Fringe meetings take place on the upper floor in the Exchange rooms 5-11 and Charter 4 on the ground floor next to the Exchange Hall.***

## **Fringe meetings, Wednesday 30 May, 13:00-14:00**

### **Sexual harassment and gender based violence**

#### ***Exchange 11***

Sexual harassment is receiving ongoing media coverage, highlighting its harmful consequences. Sexual harassment and violence is overwhelmingly experienced by women and is rooted in predominantly male power structures, contributing to other inequalities faced by females in the workplace and society in general. We will discuss how to confront and challenge sexual harassment within our union and workplaces. We will also look at how to get involved in campaigning around gender-based violence nationally and internationally.

### **UCU Workload campaign**

#### ***Exchange 6 and 7***

UCU has launched an ambitious and innovative UK-wide workload campaign. This campaign uses a joined-up approach – incorporating health and safety, campaigning and organising elements – to build leverage with the employers and support local workload claims.

Come and hear from branches who are piloting this new approach to tackling workload issues and discuss the (often) under-utilised statutory rights available to trade union safety reps which can be utilised by branches to support collective bargaining.

## **Health Educators – the future of nursing and what next for health educators**

### ***Exchange 5***

The past few years have seen huge changes in health education, with the termination of the nursing bursary and the lifting of the cap on health education university places. With applications for places in these subjects down, will any of this help us train the NHS workforce of the future?

## **Who runs our universities?**

### ***Exchange 10***

This fringe will explore successful local UCU governance-focussed campaigns in order to extract strategies and tactics that other branches can employ at their institution.

## **Fringe meetings, Wednesday 30 May, 18:00-19:30**

### **Policy and campaigns reception**

#### ***The Gallery***

Please join us for drinks, nibbles and the all-important Congress T-shirt at our annual Policy and Campaigns fringe. This year we are delighted to be joined by performers from the new theatre show 'The union makes us stronger'. The theatre production is celebrating the birth of the TUC and 150 years of the trade union movement in 2018. They will be performing a few hits from the show along with other popular songs such as Rise Up and Tax Dodger.

### **Adult and community education get-together (18:00-19:00)**

#### ***Exchange 5***

If you work in adult and community education, please join us for this informal get-together to discuss how we can organise and recruit more effectively in the sector.

## **Fringe meetings, Thursday 31 May, 13:00-14:00**

### **Educators at risk: examples from Turkey and beyond**

#### ***Exchange 10***

Come and hear how UCU members can help support educators at risk from repressive international regimes. The session will include a particular focus on one of UCU's priority areas: Turkey.

Speakers include Mehmet Ugur (Academics for Peace – UK), Stephen Wordsworth (Cara - the Council for At-Risk Academics) and Joanna de Groot, UCU President, in the chair.

## **Campaigning against the rise of popularist right and developing a radical agenda**

### ***Exchange 11***

Exploring the rise of the populist right in Western Europe and North America, with reference to class politics, the politics of hate and our own identity. Dr Wanda Wyporska, Executive Director of The Equality Trust whose mission is to reduce social and economic inequality and Peter Purton, a trade union champion for disability and LGBT rights particularly around the role of the labour movement in promoting LGBT equality, will propose an alternative radical future to challenge the populist right.

## **Building effective collective action on precarious work**

### ***Exchange 6 and 7***

This fringe will look at how to build effective campaigns using collective action, including industrial action, on precarious work. The fringe will reflect on the profile of precarious work in the USS dispute as well as looking at how to use collective action to build power and support collective bargaining.

## **Air pollution campaign – A trade union issue**

### ***Exchange 5***

Air pollution in the UK is a public health emergency. Over 40,000 people die each year from causes linked to the air that they breathe – more than obesity and alcohol combined. Workers are exposed to and create pollution to fulfil contractual obligations to employers. It is an occupational health issue for which employers take little responsibility. Come and hear from experienced campaigners from the Hazards Campaign and the Greener Jobs Alliance about:

- why air pollution is both a workplace issue and a public health issue
- air pollution-busting Citizen Science techniques
- share experience, knowledge and ideas.

## ***The Gender Pay Gap: using statutory reporting to drive local claims*** ***Charter 4***

This meeting will brief delegates on how to use the opportunity afforded by the new statutory reporting requirements on gender pay to submit claims to secure equal pay and challenge the gender pay gap locally in both higher and further education.

The results of UCU's newly published report on the gender pay gap in further education will also be presented, and copies of the report will be available at the meeting.

## **Social Event: Thursday 31 May, from 19:30**

### **Congress dinner with drinks reception**

Hilton Manchester Deansgate, 303 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 4LQ

Drinks will be served from 19:30, with dinner at approximately 20:30, followed by a disco.

**Note:** *Delegates must register in advance for this event and were asked to do so as part of their registration for Congress. Please bring your dinner ticket with you.*

*If a delegate cancels their dinner attendance less than 2 week prior to the event, UCU will not pay for evening meal expenses for the evening of 28 May.*

