

# 10 reasons

## to join UCU's Novus branch

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### Security in uncertain times

Working in prisons, you need a union that stands up for you. With almost 110,000 members UCU is the largest post-school education union in the world.

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### Supporting members

Our reps who work in prisons help members with issues such as stress, contracts and redundancies. They are supported by branch officers and full time officials. We also have an excellent legal scheme.

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### Negotiating on your behalf

Your reps, supported by full-time officials, take up your issues with management. We represent full-time and part-time staff.

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### Tackling the issues that matter to you

Bullying and pay are just some of the issues we raise.

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### Improving your health and safety at work

UCU health and safety reps carry out workplace inspections and raise your concerns with management. Staff toilet breaks, legal highs and reductions in prison officers are some of the issues we have raised.



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### A national voice

UCU raises prison education issues with ministers, MPs and professional bodies.

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### UCU's vision for prison education

We want to see a stable and fully-funded prison education sector where staff gain parity with further education lecturers

[www.ucu.org.uk/prisoncharter](http://www.ucu.org.uk/prisoncharter)

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### Confidential support 24/7

Access to confidential support by phone or online, provided by Education Support Partnership, with stress, financial problems and dealing with difficult people.



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### Value for money and a free personal injury service

Membership subs are banded depending on what you earn [www.ucu.org.uk/subscriptions](http://www.ucu.org.uk/subscriptions) Free personal injury cover, including workplace stress, for any work-related accident or disease.

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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!



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