

10 reasons

to join Novus UCU prison education branch

1

Security in uncertain times

Working in prisons, you need a union that stands up for you. With almost 130,000 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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Representing all prison educators

UCU's Novus prison education branch represents full-time, part-time and precariously employed prison educators.

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Fighting for better pay and conditions

UCU challenges discrimination and raises issues including the professional standing of teachers in prisons, blended learning, working hours, sickness and annual leave entitlements.

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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. Reps have developed health and safety checklists and advocated for clean and safe prisons. Issues raised include adequate ventilation, inhalation of vapes, staff toilet breaks, sufficient officer staffing, and violence prevention.



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A national voice

UCU works with the Ministry of Justice, HMPPS, Peers and MPs to raise issues on your behalf. We also work closely with other prison unions and organisations such as Prisoner Learning Alliance.

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Vision for prison education

UCU raises issues concerning prison education with ministers, MPs and professional bodies. We want to see a stable and fully-funded prison education system where staff are properly rewarded and supported in carrying out their roles.

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Confidential support 24/7

UCU members have access to confidential support by phone or online, provided by Education Support, on issues such as 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
Free personal injury cover for any work-related accident or disease.

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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Collectively we can address the issues that matter to you. UCU is proud to represent prison educators.

Join your union today
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