

Invitation to join the University and College Union

Dear colleague,

We would like to invite you to join the University and College Union (UCU). We are the trade union which represents academic and academic related ('professional and managerial') staff in Higher and Further Education.

Join your trade union to:

- have a democratic say on everything we negotiate and consult about on your behalf (e.g. pay, pensions and other terms and conditions of your employment)
- be able to get advice, support and help with issues at work, including access to a special legal advice service if necessary
- have a democratic say on the work UCU does locally and UK-wide
- become part of a community of trade unionists working and campaigning to protect staff and to improve our working conditions.

The Leeds UCU branch is one of the largest in the country, and very active. We have regular meetings you'll be invited to and at which you can shape our policy and campaigns. New members help us to have more strength and influence, so please join and get involved.

What happens when you join:

1. You pay a monthly subscription (depending on income) which covers the work UCU does locally and nationally on professional and educational issues, including negotiating on wages and conditions and influencing public debate.
2. You receive emails from UCU both locally and nationally, including asking you to participate in ballots about industrial action and to vote to elect your representatives.
3. You'll be encouraged to attend Leeds UCU meetings to have your say on current issues.
4. You'll have a departmental representative, who will keep you informed, let the branch know about local concerns, and can tell you who to contact about any problems. To find out who your local 'rep' is, see the 'About Us' section of leedsucu.org.uk

University of Leeds UCU members work as academics, researchers, administrators, librarians, computer staff, postgraduates who teach and other hourly-paid teaching staff, whether on fixed-term or permanent contracts; whether full-time or part-time. We work closely with other campus trade unions (who represent support staff) where appropriate.

For current campaigns and local information see the Leeds UCU website at leedsucu.org.uk.

You can join online at www.ucu.org.uk/join or by calling 0333 207 0719. Subscription rates are at www.ucu.org.uk/subscriptions.

If you're already a member of UCU please visit 'My UCU' at www.ucu.org.uk/myucu to change your workplace, and update your address and your salary band if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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