Dear colleague

In this week’s campaign update:

**UCU warns MPs on Brexit university exodus**
UCU general secretary Sally Hunt gave evidence this week to the House of Commons education committee about the impact of Brexit on staff and students and in particular that:

* many valued colleagues are now considering leaving the UK
* that academic collaboration with European colleagues is becoming increasingly difficult; and
* that many UCU members do not now feel welcome in a place that they have previously called home.

UCU called on the government to immediately guarantee the right to stay of EU citizens currently resident in the UK; and to remove international students from their immigration targets. [Read coverage of the hearing in the Guardian here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3459/1/).

[Find out more about our campaign, download our pack and order posters and stickers here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3261/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI3IEphbnVhcnkgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=5c1a2997).

**Further education funding: UCU criticises government’s industrial strategy**
Responding to the government's ['Building our Industrial Strategy' paper](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3460/3/)that promises £170 million for institutes of technology, [Sally Hunt points out in an article for FE Week](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3461/4/) that the announcement does nothing to address the fundamental problem of lack of proper funding for further education. UCU is calling for investment for 15,000 more further education teachers and [you can support our campaign by signing the letter to the skills minister here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3338/5/).

[See here for full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/15581/151504/3462/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI3IEphbnVhcnkgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=377ce29c)

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All the best

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