Dear colleague  
  
In this week’s campaign update:  
  
**One Day Without Us, 20 February: UCU celebrates migrant contribution**  
20 February is United Nations World Day of Social Justice and UCU is supporting the [One Day Without Us mobilisation](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3521/1/) which invites supporters to celebrate the contribution migrants make - link arms, hold up posters and post selfies with hashtags #ucu and #1DayWithoutUs. [More information, programme of events and downloads here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3261/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDEwIEZlYnJ1YXJ5IDIwMTc%3d&x=1e119b1e). Dr Michiel van Ingen from LSE says [why education staff and students should support the day of action here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3527/3/).   
  
UCU general secretary [Sally Hunt argues here that the education community can be a positive force to help shape society and be a vehicle for change](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3528/4/) following the Trump election and Brexit vote. UCU’s [‘Cradle to Grave’ conference on the defence of public education](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3233/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDEwIEZlYnJ1YXJ5IDIwMTc%3d&x=9c20fa02) takes place this weekend on the theme of ‘Education without borders’ with speakers including shadow chancellor John McDonnell, political commentator Steve Richards and campaigner Melissa Benn.  
  
**National bargaining in further education**  
As the Association of Colleges (AoC) considers abandoning national pay bargaining UCU has called for a commitment from colleges to abide by what is agreed nationally on pay. [Speaking in the TES this week](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3529/6/), UCU head of further education, Andrew Harden said ‘UCU remains committed to national bargaining, but that commitment must be shared by colleges.’  
  
[See here for full update including](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/16105/151504/3530/7/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDEwIEZlYnJ1YXJ5IDIwMTc%3d&x=67121a64):

* In the news
* Closure of Manchester Metropolitan University Crewe campus: no to redundancies
* Trade union victimisation at University of Liverpool: reinstate Dawn Holdman
* Hourly paid lecturers win better contracts thanks to UCU
* Professional development courses
* UCU trustee, general secretary, officer and national executive committee elections 2017 - ballots open
* 'Truth for Giulio' campaign for student murdered in Egypt
* Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI)
* Academic-related, professional staff meeting
* Membership portal and support site: 'My UCU'

Best wishes  
  
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