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|  | |  | | --- | | Dear colleague  In this week's campaign update:  **Sally Hunt re-elected as UCU general secretary** Sally Hunt has been re-elected as UCU general secretary with nearly 60% of votes cast. Sally said: 'I intend to deliver on the democratic mandate I have been given. That means increasing support for members when they need it most and redoubling our efforts to campaign on issues like Brexit, casualisation, pay and privatisation.' [More details including full result here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/17338/151504/3701/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDAzIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=d20d1464).  **Further education funding: report shows 25 years of cuts** The crisis in further education (FE) funding was laid bare this week with [an Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) report](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/17338/151504/3702/2/) showing FE is the only area of education to have faced such severe cuts in recent years. [UCU has called on the government](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/17338/151504/3703/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDAzIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=9b40fb08) to urgently increase capacity in the sector by investing in 15,000 more college teachers.  **Higher education bill: briefing peers for report stage** The next stage of the Higher Education and Research bill begins on Monday. UCU has been working hard to brief parliamentarians on our concerns and has circulated an [updated briefing to peers](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/17338/151504/3725/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDAzIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=54b1da32). If you know any peers professionally or personally and would like to help us lobby please contact [publicaffairs@ucu.org.uk​](mailto:publicaffairs@ucu.org.uk​)  [See here for full update including](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/17338/151504/3704/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDAzIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=cb5b736f):   * In the news * Defend jobs at Manchester Metropolitan University * Celebrate International Women's Day – 8 March * Your union, your voice, your vote: UCU Congress 2017 * Save our NHS march tomorrow * Reinstate Dawn Holdman campaign * March against Racism, 18 March * Let Refugees Learn - add your voice   Best wishes  Ed Bailey UCU acting head of campaigns | |