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| Dear colleagueIn 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​[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
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* 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 wishesEd BaileyUCU acting head of campaigns |

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