Dear colleague  
  
In this week's campaign update:  
  
**Higher education nation pay negotiations: initial offer of 1.2%**  
Negotiations on higher education pay began this week and the five HE unions presented [our joint claim which you can read here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19327/151504/3846/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDMxIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=c331b648). The employers responded with an opening offer of a 1.2% rise on pay and an initial response to all other elements. Negotiations will continue on Tuesday and [you can get further information on our website here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19327/151504/3668/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDMxIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=9fb492d5).  
  
**More ‘National Plus’ success in further education**  
UCU at Abingdon and Witney College are the latest branch to record a success in their negotiations on a ‘National Plus’ claim. [You can read more on this and UCU’s wider work to restore meaningful collective bargaining in FE here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19327/151504/3169/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDMxIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=bc0305cb).  
  
[See here for full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/19327/151504/3900/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDMxIE1hcmNoIDIwMTc%3d&x=02bf261c)

* In the news
* Reimagining further education conference, 21 June, Birmingham
* Getting the vote out: UCU and the Trade Union Act
* Manchester Metropolitan University ballot for strike action
* UCU Oxford officer wins Guardian award
* University of Brighton UCU strike today
* Scholarships for Palestinian students
* UCU LGBT+ Research Conference 2017
* Income and expenditure statement to members
* March for Science, 22 April

Best wishes

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