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|  | |  | | --- | | Dear colleague  In this week's campaign update:  **General election 2017: what are parties promising on education?** As we approach the general election on 8 June, UCU has taken a look at how some of the main UK political party manifestos stack up against UCU’s own priorities for the next government. [Visit UCU’s policy comparison page](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22178/151504/4165/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI2IE1heSAyMDE3&x=00324193) to see how different parties fare on issues like education funding, adult learning, research and immigration.  **Academic freedom: a neglected right in the UK** [A new report](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22178/151504/4171/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI2IE1heSAyMDE3&x=8c1d3b70)shows nearly a quarter of academics say they have been bullied because of their views and that the UK has significantly lower levels of protection for academic freedom when compared to other EU countries. The wide ranging survey was commissioned by UCU as part of our [campaign to define and protect academic freedom in post-school education](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22178/151504/4172/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI2IE1heSAyMDE3&x=1889f65c).  [See here for full update including](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22178/151504/4173/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDI2IE1heSAyMDE3&x=44706feb):   * London Metropolitan University boycott: please support your colleagues * Further education campaign winning for members * Gender pay gap in higher education * Hope Not Hate: we stand with Manchester * Save Our Schools: protest in Brighton today * Defend jobs and education at Plymouth Marjon University   Best wishes  Justine Stephens UCU head of campaigns | |