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| Dear colleagueIn this week’s campaign update:**UCU comment on general election result**[Commenting on this week's general election results](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22549/151504/4228/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDA5IEp1bmUgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=807a928b), the union has said the next government must prioritise investment in further and higher education and called on politicians to act swiftly to end uncertainty over the position of EU nationals who make up a substantial part of the workforce. Sally Hunt applauded the increased turnout of younger people and the success of [recent voter registration drives in university and college campuses](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22549/151504/4039/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDA5IEp1bmUgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=99e06a79).**Further education: report on insecure work and privatisation**[A new UCU report](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22549/151504/4235/3/) indicates many FE colleges are setting up subsidiary companies to hire staff on inferior contracts. The union has [published information on over 200 colleges and their employment practices](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22549/151504/4236/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDA5IEp1bmUgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=f0245a1b) that shows over a quarter of FE teachers are now on insecure precarious contracts.[See here for full update including](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/22549/151504/4237/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VUNVIGNhbXBhaWducyB1cGRhdGU6IDA5IEp1bmUgMjAxNw%3d%3d&x=0bb3e978):* In the news
* University of Manchester: professors sign letter of no confidence over cuts
* Manchester Metropolitan University: support UCU strike to defend jobs
* Festival of Higher Education
* Protest at Reading College over Activate Learning cuts
* Save Philosophy at St Mary’s University
* NHS SOS: demonstrate to save A&E at Chorley Hospital
* Know your rights: London event for fixed and part time staff

Best wishesJustine StephensUCU head of campaigns |

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