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**Fight back against scapegoating of immigrants**   
  
Speaking at the opening debate on Brexit at the annual TUC Congress this week, Sally Hunt gave a passionate defence of free movement and the benefits of immigration telling delegates that unions should celebrate and defend diversity. [Read the full speech here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/31326/151504/4587/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTUgU2VwdGVtYmVyIDIwMTc%3d&x=5e7c7552).  
  
[More on our campaign to defend the rights of EU nationals working in education.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/31326/151504/3261/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTUgU2VwdGVtYmVyIDIwMTc%3d&x=2eb387e7)  
  
**Close the gap: have your say on further education pay**  
  
If you work in further education (England only) you should have received an email inviting you to vote in our consultation on pay ([if not please request a replacement here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/31326/151504/4586/3/)).  Please use your vote, tell the employers that [FE deserves better](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/31326/151504/4017/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTUgU2VwdGVtYmVyIDIwMTc%3d&x=90fde45a) and join other public sector workers in demanding an end to pay freezes and cuts.  
  
[See here for full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/31326/151504/4585/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTUgU2VwdGVtYmVyIDIwMTc%3d&x=4277725a)

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Best wishes  
  
Justine Stephens  
UCU head of campaigns