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**Members back action to save USS pensions**  
  
The online consultation on USS closed this week with an overwhelming 87% of you backing industrial action on a 56% turnout. Thanks to the tens of thousands who voted and showed that you’re prepared to stand up for USS pension benefits. UCU negotiators met with the employers this week to begin detailed talks and you can [follow the latest developments here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/32832/151504/3178/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE3&x=ca68ed1b).  
  
**Tell us your views on industrial action**  
  
At UCU Congress 2017 Sally Hunt proposed a commission on the effectiveness of different forms of industrial action. The commission has now been elected and members can [submit their views and find out more about this work here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/32832/151504/4803/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE3&x=473a006c).  
  
[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/32832/151504/4839/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE3&x=a40d2717)   
  
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Best wishes  
  
Justine Stephens  
UCU head of campaigns