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**The fight for USS pension continues**As the first full week of strike action over USS comes to an end congratulations to the thousands of members who have stood firm and stayed out in defence of our pension. This week saw Acas talks ending with a proposal that was [rejected by UCU’s higher education committee](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5803/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=b0fee726), continued unity and determination on the [picket lines and rallies](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5740/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=09beadb7), and huge solidarity from students and from across [the worldwide labour movement.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5739/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=1a8eaea5) As we enter the next phase of the campaign we need to keep up the pressure and tell the employers loud and clear: 'hands off our pensions!'.* Eight universities are taking further strike action on Monday and Tuesday next week: Queen Mary, University of London, King’s College London, University of Edinburgh, University of Stirling, St George’s, University of London, Ruskin College, University of Bradford, and the Institute of Development Studies.
* In order to increase the pressure on employers at USS participating institutions, UCU is appealing to all members who act as external examiners at those universities to resign their positions and [you can find guidance and a template letter here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5790/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=6421eef9).

**Further education members to strike for better pay and better jobs**UCU members at 12 colleges will take [a second wave of strike action](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5804/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=396fe97d) later this month over pay. For more [details on our FE campaign including downloads and films see here](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/4017/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=d1c0bdb1).**March Against Racism tomorrow**Tomorrow UN anti-racism day will be marked with protests across the world and UCU members will be attending events in [London](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5746/7/), [Cardiff](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5805/8/) and [Glasgow](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5806/9/).[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/44978/62105/5807/10/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTYgTWFyY2ggMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=9dd26446) * In the news
* Durham deportations
* Stop the anti-union dirty tricks in the Coventry University Group
* Working with additional caring responsibilities?

Best wishesJustine StephensUCU head of campaigns  |

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