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**FEd up – time to invest in FE staff**Further education (FE) staff are getting a raw deal from college employers. Workloads have never been higher whilst average pay packets have shrunk and the latest kick in the teeth – this year’s recommended 1% pay rise – has not even been implemented in over 40% of colleges. Meanwhile [the latest college accounts](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/6021/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjcgQXByaWwgMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=c662c70f) show 17 college principals earned over £200,000 in 2016/17 and over a third enjoyed a pay rise of 10% or more. UCU’s Sean Vernell [argues in this week’s TES](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/6022/2/) that national pay bargaining mechanisms are failing the sector.UCU is launching a 'second wave' of our campaign for better pay and better jobs in FE and many branches are now preparing to take up issues like pay, workload and job security directly with your college management.* This week [members at Sunderland College](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/6025/3/) took strike action over pay,
* Hundreds of staff at Hull College Group [will strike next month](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/6024/4/) against planned job cuts as part of a restructure.
* Tower Hamlets College and Hackney Community College will strike over pay on 11, 14 and 15 May.
* [Staff at Bradford College and Kirklees College](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/5954/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjcgQXByaWwgMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=549aff2f) are being balloted for action over job cuts and contract changes.

Please [share our videos and downloads](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/4017/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjcgQXByaWwgMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=a212d5f2) and get in touch with [your local UCU](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/4047/7/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjcgQXByaWwgMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=3e74e17e)if you would like to get involved in campaigning for a better deal for staff.**USS dispute latest**The union’s higher education committee (HEC) meets to discuss the setting up of the joint expert panel (JEP) agreed between UCU and UUK. A full report of the latest developments, including details of how to make submissions to the JEP or apply to become a panel member, will be sent out to members on Monday.[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/48023/62105/6057/8/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjcgQXByaWwgMjAxOA%3d%3d&x=6b076ded)* In the news
* Support the Windrush Amnesty debate
* Say no to union-busting at Coventry: ask your MP
* Support the campaign for votes at 16
* Manchester May Day festival
* Your views on TEF
* A new deal for working people - TUC march and rally
* End gender segregation in sport
* Oppose far-right London demo on 6 May

Best wishesJustine StephensUCU head of campaigns |

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