**Higher education pay and equality consultation**  
  
Members in higher education have voted to reject the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association's final below inflation pay offer of 2%, and as part of the consultative ballot have resoundingly voted for industrial action in the latest campaign for pay and equality in higher education. 82% of members responding to the consultation voted to reject the offer and 65% said they were prepared to take industrial action in defence of their pay. The turnout was 47.7%. The next step in the campaign is a comprehensive get out the vote campaign for a national strike ballot to open in August and close in October.   
  
**FE fights back**  
  
Our demand for a better deal for further education (FE) staff continues to build momentum and activists meet in Manchester today to plan further activity for this [exciting and vibrant campaign.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51657/151504/6101/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjkgSnVuZSAyMDE4&x=63a03aa0) We’ve just launched a series of short videos giving members the chance to say why they’re fighting back for FE – [please watch and share.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51657/151504/6425/2/)  
  
[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51657/151504/6431/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjkgSnVuZSAyMDE4&x=c1de2dbd)

* In the news
* USS joint expert panel (JEP) update
* Edinburgh agrees to negotiate with UCU on casualisation
* Calling all prison educators
* NHS demonstration tomorrow, 30 June
* Stop Trump – demonstrate Friday 13 July

Best wishes  
  
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