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**Higher education pay and equality**Following the recent consultation on pay where UCU higher education (HE) members clearly rejected the employers’ pay offer of 2%, the union’s higher education committee (HEC) has decided to call a dispute and ballot members on industrial action. The ballot will open towards the end of August and run to mid-October. We’re calling for an improved pay offer and progress to address inequality and precarious employment across the sector.Please help promote the campaign in your workplace with [our posters and leaflets](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/6148/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMDYgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=29f4ca0a) and make sure [your personal and address details](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/5265/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMDYgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=6a74a03d) are up to date now so you receive your ballot papers safely in August. **Corbyn backs our FE fightback**Once again Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has leant his support to our campaign for a better deal for further education staff. [As reported in this week’s TES,](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/6450/3/) Corbyn has called for funds to pay staff a decent wage and vowed to ensure the sector is not forgotten in terms of government funding. He also [wrote to UCU members at Capital City College Group,](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/6451/4/) congratulating them on a significant victory in winning better contracts for casual staff and a one off payment of £500 for all. [Watch and share our new video](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/6452/5/) and find out why so many are joining the fightback for FE. The union’s further education committee (FEC) meets today to agree timetable for the campaign and potential ballot of pay. [See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/51869/62105/6453/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMDYgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=2b7422ce) * In the news
* Referendum on final Brexit deal - consultation with UCU members
* Pride: UCU standing up for LGBT+ rights
* Stop Trump - demonstrate Friday 13 July

Best wishesJustine StephensUCU head of campaigns |

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