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**UCU wins right to strike for migrant workers**

After months of campaigning by UCU, [including most recently the threat of legal action,](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6172/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTMgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=50b1c754) the home secretary Sajid Javid has announced that [he will be changing the immigration rules](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6478/2/) to ensure that migrant workers will now be able to play a full part in legal strike action without fearing the impact on their immigration status.

This is a big win for all trade unionists, not just those in UCU and it has come about as a direct result of our campaigning work. Thanks to everyone who wrote to MPs and in particular to members from overseas who took strike action despite these concerns.

**Fair pay, equal pay: build the campaign**

Higher education:
A ballot for industrial action will open later in the summer. We're calling for an [improved pay offer and progress to address inequality and precarious employment](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6148/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTMgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=dedac8f2) across the sector. Please stand up for fair pay and help us get the vote out when the ballot opens: download our posters, spread the word and make sure you [get your personal and address details up to date.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/5265/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTMgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=52f54519)

Further education:
With [spiraling workloads, low pay and insecurity,](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6101/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTMgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=11d0e65a) more and more FE staff are saying 'enough is enough' and [Sally Hunt makes the case for a sensible pay offer](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6485/6/) in this week's TES. Our [short films](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6483/7/) are giving members a chance to say why FE is so important and why we’re fighting back. Please send us your own film or get in touch if you would like to help speak up for FE.

[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52039/151504/6484/8/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTMgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=a6babc53)

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* Together Against Trump – protest in London today
* Use of 'casual worker' contracts to be ended at University of Sheffield
* Demand the immediate release of Dr Hanifi Bariş in Turkey

Best wishes

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