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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](mailto:ebailey@ucu.org.uk?subject=FE%20fights%20back%20videos) 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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Best wishes  
  
Justine Stephens  
UCU head of campaigns