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**Higher education pay**  
  
This week [we revealed accounts](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/6516/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=149d3707) showing the chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (Hefce) Professor Madeleine Atkins received a 96% pay rise with a package worth £554,648 last year. Another kick in the teeth for members following a derisory offer of 2% from employers. [Join our campaign](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/6148/2/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=f6ea99d8) for fair pay and [make sure your details are up to date](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/5265/3/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=cc532c0e) to get your vote when the ballot for industrial action opens later in the summer.   
  
**FE fights back**  
  
As the union continues to [campaign for a better deal](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/6101/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=36e037f6) for further education (FE) with a ballot for action due in the autumn, [please share our latest film](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/6508/5/) and find out why staff like Alison are fighting back for FE.  
  
[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/52252/151504/6517/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMjAgSnVseSAyMDE4&x=83156f9b)

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I hope that you manage to enjoy a break over the summer. Please note that the next Friday email will be 7 September.   
  
Best wishes  
  
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