**Our last reminder to vote ever\***

Please use your vote in the further and higher education pay ballots, and if you've already voted please ask others to do so too. The ballots close a week today, 12 noon, Friday 19 October. We know you've had enough of all the reminder emails but the fact is we now need at least a 50% turnout to take action however strongly members feel about the issue.

It's your union and every vote really does matter so please [don't listen to those who tell you to keep quiet and abstain.](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6865/1/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTIgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE4&x=d31923d7)

\*this week

**#LoveOurColleges campaign for FE funding**

Join the [#LoveOurColleges march, rally and lobby of Parliament](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6661/2/) calling for fair pay and funding in further education next Wednesday. Assemble 12:45pm, Waterloo Place. More details in full update below.

[Read UCU’s Matt Waddup in this week’s Tes](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6835/3/) on how FE is fighting for its life and how you can join the fightback.

**UCU Brexit deal consultation – last chance to vote**

[Our consultation on whether to support a second referendum](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6601/4/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTIgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE4&x=38106f41) on the final Brexit deal closes on Monday 15 October. Your vote should have arrived by email via Electoral Reform Services (ERS) with the email heading 'UCU - University College Union - Consultative Referendum'.

**A message of thanks from Sally**

Following [Sally Hunt's announcement last week](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6848/5/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTIgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE4&x=1f0580a4) she received thousands of messages from members. Sally wishes to pass on her heartfelt thanks for your support and good wishes.

[See here for the full update including:](https://list.mercury.ucu.org.uk/t/61653/151504/6866/6/?c73c8e04=Y2FtcGFpZ251cGRhdGU%3d&60bc612e=X2FsbC1tZW1iZXJz&560a3889=VGhlIEZyaWRheSBlbWFpbDogMTIgT2N0b2JlciAyMDE4&x=b44a51d1)

* In the news
* #LoveOurColleges march, rally and lobby, 17 October
* University of Bristol UCU: closing the gender pay gap
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* Getting the vote out at Queen's University Belfast
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Best wishes

Justine Stephens
UCU head of campaigns