Dear UCU Rep,

I am writing to you today to ask you to forward my election material to all UCU members in your branch. Suggested email content is prepared below if you could kindly forward it.

I am standing for UCU Vice President.

Elections opened on Friday 1st of February and close on the 1st of March.

Turnout for UCU elections is usually very low. I hope you will join with me in promoting democracy in the union and encourage all members to engage with these elections. I’ve made myself available for hustings around the country. See my website for more details.

Please send me a reply if you would like to support my campaign and endorse my candidature for UCU Vice President.

I hope your campaign to Get The Vote Out for Fair and Equal Pay is going well and I would love to hear feedback.

Solidarity to all FE branches balloting on pay and conditions you are an inspiration and I wish you every success in your campaign, ‘The money is there, we want our share.’

Solidarity

Jo McNeill

President, University of Liverpool UCU & NEC

UCU VP Candidate

<**Suggested member email content**>

Subject: Election campaign material for Jo McNeill UCU Vice President candidate

Dear UCU Member,

As part of UCU Elections that opened on the 1st of February I have been asked to send you the following campaign message. Please use your vote.

**START**

Dear Colleagues,

**Vote Jo McNeill #1 for UCU Vice President**

First, I’d like thank your UCU branch representative for forwarding this message to you. Your reps work hard day in day out to support us and to build our union.

It matters that you have someone at work who has your back. For that same reason I’m asking for your support in my election campaign for UCU Vice President.

You need someone that will stand up for you in the union and ensure UCU is a democratic campaigning union that is led by members.

As the President of UCU at Liverpool University I have experience in building a strong, effective branch. I know how important it is for local branches to get resources, support and solidarity when they need it most.

As a national negotiator and NEC member I have a record for always supporting members fighting back and ensuring your decisions are implemented at the highest level.

Whether it’s defending jobs, fighting for fair pay, decent pensions, ending casualisation, standing up to racism or defending our educational values, I believe I am the best candidate with the strongest record to continue that work in the role of Vice President.

I’m a Labour Party member and support Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell. I’m optimistic that if/when Labour came to power we can turn the tide on decades of neo-liberalism, privatisation and marketisation.

I work in widening participation and fair access and deal with the inequality of education every day. I returned to education as a mature student on an access course. I understand first hand how important it is to offer young people and adult returners every opportunity and choice in their future. Everyone deserves an equal chance via real apprenticeships, well funded colleges and a route to higher education with grants instead of fees.

The National Education Service is a lifeline to the post-16 sector that has been ravaged by austerity. But we need to make a stand now. What I have seen from touring the country is that wherever branches make a stand against attacks from employers, our side is starting to win. For example, in FE City Capital College Group (CCCG) won a 5% pay rise, moved 40 casualised staff onto permanent contracts and ended outsourcing. The Open University branch has secured permanent contracts for 4000 casualised staff in a landmark win.

I hope you’ll join me and do everything we can to Get The Vote Out in the ballot for Fair and Equal Pay. We can win this ballot, and we can win Fair and Equal Pay, universities can afford to the pay rise we are entitled to.

The USS dispute showed our collective strength when we are united in action. It also demonstrated the need for a union leadership that doesn’t waiver at crucial points in the industrial strategy. That’s why you should support me, I will back you up.

Every UCU member in further, adult, prison and higher education can vote. Please use your vote.

I’m asking you to Vote Jo McNeill #1 for UCU Vice President.

Please feel free to get in touch with any questions or to offer your support.

Best wishes

Solidarity

Jo McNeill

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**My election flyer**

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