



## Week 5 2016

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<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>UCU Regional Committee, Darlington</b> Papers have been uploaded to the <a href="#">regional website</a>	20/7/15
<b>8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC #heartunions week</b> Read the <a href="#">TUC activists' pack</a> See the campaign <a href="#">website</a> and follow the campaign at <a href="#">#iheartunions</a> Please discuss with colleagues what activities you would like to run and contact Ed Bailey on <a href="mailto:ebailey@ucu.org.uk">ebailey@ucu.org.uk</a>	7/1/16
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC Big Workplace meeting</b> The TUC wants to get as many union branch meetings as possible to take place simultaneously at 12.30pm, joining the TUC's General Secretary on a live broadcast. <a href="#">Full information</a>	18/1/16
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Northern TUC Health and Safety Seminar, Gateshead</b> 12-4pm <a href="#">Information and how to register</a>	7/1/16
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>UCU challenging workplace racism day of action</b> This day will coincide with the launch of a new short film and a range of campaign materials. Let us know what your branch's <a href="#">plans for the day</a> are by emailing Chris Nicholas <a href="mailto:cnicholas@ucu.org.uk">cnicholas@ucu.org.uk</a>	7/1/16
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>UCU challenging workplace racism event, Newcastle University</b> <a href="#">Information and flyer</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 3/2/16
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC heartunionscommunity day</b> Make your plans for the TUC's high visibility day of action your branch day of action. Help make trade unions visible and proud in your community. Organise events, leafleting, street stalls, then spread the word online with <a href="#">#heartunions</a>	18/1/16
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC heartunionscommunity day : Leafleting public and photo stunt at Newcastle Monument</b> <a href="#">Information and flyer</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 3/2/16
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC heartunionscommunity day : UCU Newcastle University rally outside Students Union</b> with speakers from UCU, TUC and an MEP <a href="#">Information and flyer</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 3/2/16

<b>w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>UCU National Recruitment Week</b> Help make NRW2 a success! <a href="#">Read about it</a> and let Emma Alexander know your branch plans	29/7/15
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC Bitesize Briefing: Managing substance misuse in the workplace, Durham</b> <a href="#">Information and how to register</a>	15/1/16
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Members of UCU and UNISON in further education colleges in England will be taking strike action in a row over pay.</b> Read the <a href="#">UCU press release</a> and <a href="#">FE Branch Officer update</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 4/2/16
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>UCU HE Pay Briefing, Glasgow</b> HE branches should send delegate(s) to either the Glasgow briefing or the Leeds briefing. <a href="#">Register online</a>	20/1/16
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>UCU HE Pay Briefing, Leeds</b> HE branches should send delegate(s) to either the Leeds briefing or the Glasgow briefing. <a href="#">Register online</a>	20/1/16
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>TUC Bitesize Briefing: Managing substance misuse in the workplace, Newcastle</b> <a href="#">Information and how to register</a>	15/1/16
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>International Women's Day at New College Durham</b> UCU celebration and recruitment event (TBC)	29/7/15
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>UCU Training in Newcastle. Rep 1 : Induction</b> <a href="#">Information and online registration</a>	25/6/15
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>UCU Regional Committee (AGM), Newcastle</b>	20/7/15
<b>w/c 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>UCU National Recruitment Week</b>	29/7/15
<b>27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>UCU Training in Newcastle. Rep 2 : Representing UCU members</b> <a href="#">Information and online registration</a>	25/6/15
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Workers Memorial Day : Wreath laying in Hartlepool</b> 12.30pm, Christchurch, Church Square	22/1/16
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Durham Miners' Gala</b>	11/8/15

***Disclaimer: While we do conduct checks to keep this calendar up to date, for events not organised by UCU, the inclusion of the event on this calendar does not guarantee that tickets / places are available, or that the event will definitely take place.***

<b>Become a Friend of Durham Miners' Gala today</b> <a href="#">Read about it</a> on the regional website then <a href="#">join online</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 29/1/16
<b>#UCUNorth 'business cards'</b> Branch Secretaries will receive an initial supply of these new cards by Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February. <a href="#">Read about it</a> on the regional website and <a href="#">twitter</a>	<b>NEW!</b> 29/1/16

<p><b>UCU President, Liz Lawrence at Northumbria University branch</b></p> <p>Read Liz's slide presentation '<a href="#">Defending Trade Union Freedom</a>'</p>	<p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p>29/1/16</p>
<p><b>MacMillan Cancer toolkit or "Buddy Scheme"</b></p> <p>There has been a national request to find out if any branch is using the MacMillan Cancer toolkit or "Buddy Scheme" to provide support to members with cancer and possibly other long term conditions. If you are using either schemes please contact Jane Harvey at <a href="mailto:J.Harvey@wlv.ac.uk">J.Harvey@wlv.ac.uk</a></p>	<p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p>1/2/16</p>
<p><b>FE Branch Officers' Update</b></p> <p>Read the update on the 24<sup>th</sup> February joint strike <a href="#">online</a> and the <a href="#">UCU press release</a></p>	<p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p>4/2/16</p>

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