



Week 6 2016

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8th – 14th February	TUC #heartunions week Read the TUC activists' pack See the campaign website and follow the campaign at #iheartunions Please discuss with colleagues what activities you would like to run and contact Ed Bailey on ebailey@ucu.org.uk	7/1/16
Tuesday 9th February	TUC Big Workplace meeting 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. Full information	18/1/16
Tuesday 9th February	Northern TUC Health and Safety Seminar, Gateshead 12-4pm Information and how to register	7/1/16
Wednesday 10th February	UCU challenging workplace racism day of action 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 plans for the day are by emailing Chris Nicholas cnicholas@ucu.org.uk	7/1/16
Wednesday 10th February	UCU challenging workplace racism event, Newcastle University Information and flyer	3/2/16
Thursday 11th February	TUC heartunionscommunity day 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 #heartunions	18/1/16
Thursday 11th February	TUC heartunionscommunity day : Leafleting public and photo stunt at Newcastle Monument Information and flyer	3/2/16
Thursday 11th February	TUC heartunionscommunity day : UCU Newcastle University rally outside Students Union with speakers from UCU, TUC and an MEP Information and flyer	3/2/16
w/c 22nd Feb	UCU National Recruitment Week Help make NRW2 a success! Read about it and let Emma Alexander know your branch plans	29/7/15

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

Become a Friend of Durham Miners' Gala today Read about it on the regional website then join online	29/1/16
#UCUNorth 'business cards' Branch Secretaries will receive an initial supply of these new cards by Monday 1 st February. Read about it on the regional website and twitter	29/1/16
UCU President, Liz Lawrence at Northumbria University branch Read Liz's slide presentation ' Defending Trade Union Freedom '	29/1/16

<p>MacMillan Cancer toolkit or “Buddy Scheme”</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 J.Harvey@wlv.ac.uk</p>	1/2/16
<p>FE Branch Officers’ Update</p> <p>Read the update on the 24th February joint strike online and the UCU press release</p>	4/2/16
<p>Rate for the job</p> <p>How does your pay compare? Use UCU’s new online tool to enable you to find out more about your pay. UCU have done this because after six years of low pay settlements we think it is time for a debate about what constitutes fair pay for staff in our colleges and universities.</p>	<p>NEW!</p> <p>8/2/16</p>

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