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Newcastle College Branch Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome Back



(card sent to The Branch)

WORKLOAD

IS THE BIGGEST ISSUE AFFECTING MEMBERS IN OUR BRANCH.

Adam Lincoln UCU national H&S officer running UCU's national workload campaign *It's Your Time* will be back this month to support colleagues and the branch.

Building meetings are going to be arranged for members to feed their workload concerns and post-Ofsted expectations directly into this campaign: Newcastle College ... Kerry.lemon@ncl-coll.ac.uk and for 6th Form College please contact james.bryan@newcastlesfc.ac.uk

Coming up

Wednesday 9 January

Blythe Valley CLP Meeting, Terrace Club, Seaton Deleval –the first Period Poverty campaign in a college in England and Trade Unions working closer with the Labour Party (if you're a LP member in Blythe Valley ... come along) 7pm

Tuesday 22 January

UCU Menopause Training 2.30-5.00, Parsons 8.11 – contact anya.cook@ncl-coll.ac.uk to join us.

Friday 25 January

Holocaust Memorial Day Event, Parsons 8.07, 10-12 lunch provided Kerry.lemon@ncl-coll.ac.uk

Thursday 31 January

H&S Training on Workload with UCU National Officer Adam Lincoln anya.cook@ncl-coll.ac.uk to join us.

Friday 1 February

Let's Talk Periods workshop at Northumbria University – the branch are presenting on our Period Poverty campaign at this regional event organised with national organisations challenging this issue.

Saturday 16 February

The Good ... The Bad ... And those Muslims ... 5pm – Panel Discussion on challenging Islamophobia with local politicians, trade unionists and activists – hosted by our UCU branch – further details to follow....

Sexual Harassment and Domestic Violence & Abuse

The branch has had a working group drafting guides for use by managers on both these issues, using national UCU draft policies and guidance as a starting point - which have been submitted to HR with positive feedback received and have now gone to NCG for consideration *watch this space ...*



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Holocaust Memorial Day 2019

“Torn From Home”

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Event for Staff, Students and Visitors

Friday 25 January 10-12 Parsons 807

A simple lunch of bread and soup will be provided

Hosted by: Kerry Lemon UCU Vice Chair and Anya Cook UCU Branch Secretary and NEC



Yvonne Ridley is a journalist and author who was captured by The Taliban in September 2001 when on an undercover assignment for The Sunday Express immediately after 9/11 and was released after promising her captors that she would read the Koran. Yvonne is an active campaigner for peace, tolerance, social cohesion and women’s rights.



Councillor Habib Rahman is Newcastle’s first non-white cabinet member and is tasked with challenging discrimination and hate crime within his ‘Communities’ portfolio. Born in Bangladesh, Habib has been active in a local community project to support the Rohingya people who have taken refuge including the building of health and maternity clinics.



Beth Farhat Northern TUC Secretary represents working people of the North East. The Trades Union Congress has a long and proud history of challenging racism and discrimination.



Shumel Rahman is an education specialist, paramedic, mental health professional and joint chair of Newcastle Unites, Newcastle’s leading anti-racist organisation which campaigns against fascism and all types of discrimination.



Liz Twist MP for Blaydon and is committed to building stronger communities.

Also: Joyce McAndrew UCU Regional Support Officer, Cameron Hartley Students’ Union Welfare Officer, Lesley Hillary Newcastle Diocese Interfaith and Ethnic Relations Advisor

Holocaust Memorial Day is observed annually on January 27. It is the day every year that we commemorate the memories of the millions who were murdered in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2019 is 'Torn from home' - how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide.

