

UCU members at INTO Newcastle University are working to form a Branch

We have some exciting news!

UCU members working at INTO Newcastle University are to form a branch. But we need you to vote for this!

All members of UCU working at INTO Newcastle have been sent a link to vote. Voting closes on 31st August 2021.

We will still work very closely with the Branch at Newcastle University and receive its support, but having our own branch will make this *our* union. We will be able to elect our committee, decide on our key issues and campaigns, and make ourselves a strong and effective presence in our Centre. It will also give us a direct link to the union's regional and national structures to provide further support and expertise when we need it.

We have to seek endorsement from the union's national executive. Once we have that, we can call a meeting and elect representatives. After this, it will be our new Branch that will engage with INTO. This is an important step on the road to recognition.



Meanwhile, the campaign for trade union recognition continues. Thank you to all of those who have been in touch. Please contact Jon Bryan (jbryan@ucu.org.uk) if you want more details or would like to help with the campaign.



Meeting for all staff working at INTO
Wednesday 15th September: 12.00pm

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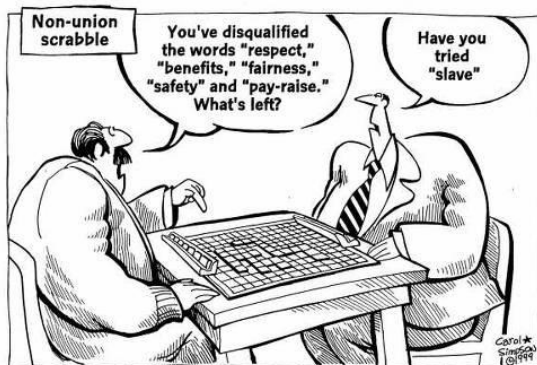
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Support for Recognition

These continue to come in but please do talk to your friends and colleagues about sending an email pledge to support our campaign. We are asking all staff (whether in a union or not) to pledge their support. Each pledge makes our union and our voices stronger. Contact: jbryan@ucu.org.uk

What does it mean when a trade union is recognised?

It means that when the big decisions are being taken – decisions that affect the staff – you get the chance to be properly consulted. Working conditions (e.g. pay, hours and holidays) become a matter of negotiation, rather than an imposition.



Trade unions are recognised at Newcastle University & thousands of other educational institutions.

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Track and Trace App update

All members will have seen the email update on this issue which went to all staff. We are pleased that, following the queries and concerns that you raised with us, that we were able to communicate this with INTO and they subsequently sent out the correspondence clarifying a number of issues.

Fundamentally, it was confirmed that the use of the app is a *personal choice*: you cannot be coerced into turning it off or pausing it.

We should feel safe in our workplace and our union will work to ensure that is the case.

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