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Dear Colleague

Welcome to Brunel. I would like to invite you to join the University and College Union. Nationally we are the recognised body representing professionals in Higher and Further Education. Here at Brunel we are the voice for academic and professional staff.

Brunel UCU members work as academics, researchers, administrators, librarians, computer staff and hourly paid lecturers. We have a core of active members but always welcome new members and new ideas.

UCU membership advantages include -

UCU – our voice for university academic and academic-related staff

Our union fees contribute to representation at a local and national level on professional and educational issues, influencing public debate on Higher Education through parliamentary lobbying and the national media and negotiating on salaries and conditions. The more members we have, the stronger our voice.

UCU – our voice at Brunel University

Brunel UCU represents the collective interests of all our members and exerts influence on University decision-making. We work closely with other campus trade unions where appropriate and constantly seek to improve working conditions.

UCU – protection at work

Our union offers members a comprehensive advice and support service. Issues at work need not be faced alone; our members have access to advice and representation provided by the Brunel branch, with additional support from the UCU's regional and national resources, including access to the best legal advice available.

Brunel UCU is only as strong as its membership. The more members we have, the more influence we can exert. If you want to have a say in our collective negotiations then join us and get active. All UCU members are entitled to attend free union training courses.

Go to <https://brunel.web.ucu.org.uk> to find out more about UCU at Brunel including the contact details of the Branch Officers.

You can join UCU on-line at www.ucu.org.uk/join



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10 reasons to join UCU

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Support throughout your career... from free professional development courses to confidential advice if you have a problem at work.

The voice of the profession... we campaign on a range of issues including job security, academic freedom and workload.

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Every day our trained local representatives... backed by full-time UCU officials, help to resolve hundreds of problems.

UCU's excellent legal scheme... provided by specialist employment lawyers, gives members access to professional legal advice, covering employment rights, personal injury and police enquiries.

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Developing your career... free professional development courses including classroom management and how to write a research grant application: <http://cpd.web.ucu.org.uk>

With almost 110,000 members... we are the largest post-school education union in the world.

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A network that includes... academics, lecturers, trainers, instructors, researchers, managers, administrators, computer staff, librarians and postgraduates.

Recourse offers 24/7 support... for workplace and personal issues from counselling and coaching to financial support.

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Our monthly fees start as low as £1... most members can claim tax relief on 67% of the subscription, which reduces the cost even more! For our current subscription rates see: www.ucu.org.uk/subscriptions

UCU believes in an education system which helps people... to reach their full potential. We oppose privatisation and campaign for increased public investment to bring us in line with our global competitors.

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