### NOMINATIONS OF OU UCU ASSOCIATE LECTURER REPRESENTATIVES 2024-2025

The Open University Branch of UCU has asked me to act as the returning officer for the above election and I am writing to invite nominations for the Branch's UCU AL representatives. All nominations must be received by me no later than 4pm on Friday 10th May 2024.

Our UCU AL representatives usually provide a first point of contact with the union for AL members in their faculty or nation, pass on information to the UCU branch, and play an important role in keeping the UCU branch in touch with its AL members. They help the branch by contacting other AL members at important times, and some UCU AL reps train as caseworkers so they can represent individual members who have problems with their employment.

The AL representatives also meet as a committee once every 3 weeks on Teams to exchange experiences and discuss issues relevant to ALs, and this committee functions as an important advisory committee on AL matters to the branch executive committee.

All AL members are encouraged to stand for election. If you wish to stand you can self-nominate by sending me the following information by email to [ouelections@ucu.org.uk](mailto:ouelections@ucu.org.uk)and make the subject of your email “OU AL election”. Please send a copy of your email to ucu@open.ac.uk.

1 Your full name

2 Your UCU membership number

3 The faculty in which most/all of your AL work is based (Access, FASS, STEM, WELS or FBL)

4 The nation in which you are resident (Scotland, Wales, Ireland or England

5 Your contact details, preferably an e-mail address

If you do not know your UCU membership number please e-mail our branch administrator, Deb Shann at [ucu@open.ac.uk](mailto:ucu@open.ac.uk).

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In the event of a contested election up to 26 reps will be elected using the Single Transferrable vote, with reserved places for faculties and nations.

**Lydia Richards**

**Returning Officer, UCU Regional Official**