



THE BARTLETT UCL // DAY 9 OF 14 // THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

THE STRIKE CHRONICLE

"SOLIDARITY-COMPLEXITY"

ALL WELCOME

We are striking for 4 days this week (Monday to Thursday) and are organizing teach-outs to provide spaces for positive learning & dialogue.

DAY 9: Thurs 8 March, 10-12pm, outside 22 GS
Solidarity-Complexity Teach out. On

International Women's Day, Clare Farrell and Miles Glyn of #BodyPolitic will join The Bartlett picket for a special workshop. Bring your favourite or LEAST favourite jacket/garment.

11-1pm 20 Bedford Way *International Women's Day Rally* Organised by UCL Women's Network and Students' Union UCL

1-3pm 52 Club, 52 Gower Street *International Women's Day Feminist Teach-Out* Convened by Bartlett staff and students, this teach-out brings together UCL researchers, educational practitioners and activists addressing precarity, inequality and protest in relation to gender and through intersectional approaches.

1-4pm, Russell Square, Women's Day

Assembly Food and childcare provided: womenstrike.org.uk. (**Note:** those of us at the Bartlett-organized feminist teach-out will join up with the Russell Square Assembly at 3pm.)

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF SPEAKERS

Solidarity Corner

On International Women's Day, we reach out to the Yar's Wood Hunger Strikers. The women have vowed to fast until the government reinstates a 28-day limit on immigrant detention. Most of them are culturally British--detained under the harshest of conditions--with the majority having lived in the UK for over 15 years. Please see:

<https://detainedvoices.com/> (daily updated from detainees)

https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/grant-demands-of-hungerforfreedom-yar-s-wood-strikers?just_launched=true (petition)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TLXWmspL1ZGdGo8ptiKgM7luSyCk2kHnyue8IQPw7qs/edit> (a draft letter for your MP)

Draconian pension reforms and immigration policies are connected; both represent a hardening of the state as it outsources its responsibilities, transfers risks onto individuals, and fails to treat its subjects with dignity. Acts of resistance and solidarity are more important than ever, to insist on alternatives to this hard-wired mode of thinking. What kind of society do we wish to live in and fight for?

For the latest news follow #ucu #ucustrike #strikeforUSS **Follow us @UCLprotest #UCLprotest**
For Bartlett events, strike writing and more: <https://www.s-t-r-i-k-e.org/>

Day 8 Dispatch

Bartlett staff & students on strike for education as a public good, accessible & affordable for all!

Wednesday 7 March: Morning rain gave way to sun and the 22 GS picketers were teaching out. Thandi Loewenson introduced the strike alphabet, inspired by the Chartists' use of an alternative alphabet to communicate; Maria Catalina Venegas introduced the idea of the 'pasquinade', a practice of radical mode of self-publishing originating in the 16th century, where satirical remarks and rumours were inscribed next to statues, giving them the appearance of truth. (See today's logo). Picketers took turns composing pasquinades and free associating on the strike alphabet wall. Onto the Just Space teach-out, 'Caring for the City', convened by Prof Mike Edwards, with activists and academics, colleagues from Planning and Geography, and residents from groups across London. Their work critiques the London Plan, stressing the importance of lifetime neighbourhoods, local impact assessments and recognition of ethnic minorities. Students talked about the experience of working with local communities to provide new sets of evidence which support alternatives to the neo-liberal city.

Round up

University of Oxford became the latest university to break ranks with the position taken by Universities UK (UUK), which claims the staff pension scheme needs dramatic reform. **Oxford now joins Cambridge, Manchester, St Andrews and Warwick (though not UCL) in moving away from UUK's position; Imperial College's leadership has asked the pensions regulator to refer the matter to an independent panel of experts.**

UCU/UUK talks continue/strikes will continue next week - 5 days, Monday to Friday.

International Women's Day & Higher Education

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Too often the neoliberal university offers women the same precarity, unpaid labour, oppression and violence we experience outside of it. **The gender pay gap in higher education is 12 per cent, and wider for women with children.** Women with children are more likely to work part time, giving them significantly lower pensions. **Women among academic staff are expected to do the hidden, unpaid pastoral work of caring for students in the midst of a mental health crisis on campus.** Simultaneously, women on campus have to deal with sexual harassment, assault and bullying - nearly one in ten female students

has been raped with under six per cent reporting it to their university.

The ongoing strike for pensions is about far more than just the right to retire with dignity and an adequate standard of living in old age. It is also in protest against the marketisation of education, against the gender pay gap and increasing casualisation. On

Thursday 8th of March, which is International Women's Day, there will be more than one strike happening in Bloomsbury: women around the world are going on strike. Together we strike, together we win. Find out more:

womenstrike.org.uk