



THE BARTLETT UCL // DAY 7 OF 14 // TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018

THE STRIKE CHRONICLE

"AFFIRMATIVE DESIGN DONATION"

JOIN US

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

DAY 7: Tues 6 March, 10-11am, outside 22 GS

Ungovernable Space: Threshold, Picket,

Barricade, Peaceline Teach-Out James O'Leary

11-12pm, UCL UCU, 52 Club, 52 Gower Street

Blacklisting Teach-Out UCL Laws

1-1:50pm, Tariq Ali Teach-Out

DAY 8: Wed 7 March, 1-3pm, 52 Club, 52

Gower Street *Caring for the City* Teach-Out

convened by Just Space, this session will discuss participation in planning, housing, food security, environment, as part of a new radical London Plan. justspace.org.uk / @justspace7

DAY 9: Thurs 8 March, 10-12pm, outside 22 GS

On International Women's Day, Clare Farrell and Miles Glyn of #BodyPolitic will join The Bartlett picket for a special Solidarity-Complexity 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 feminist teach-out brings together UCL researchers, educational practitioners and activists addressing precarity, inequality and protest in relation to gender and through intersectional approaches.

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Solidarity Corner (for the full text of today's statement, please see our website)

From H el ene Frichot, director of Research Studies in the School of Architecture, KTH Stockholm: "I extend...my heartfelt support to the striking teachers at UK institutions of higher education, and to their students who support them in the recognition that their education depends on the livelihood of their teachers. Not just the economic security of teachers, but the future livelihood of students is at stake...in the management of pensions where risk is transferred to the pension holder. [...] For all, the threat that looms is how easily futures are rendered economically precarious, even pre-emptively exhausted. [...]"

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 6 Dispatch

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

Monday, 5 March began at the 22 Gordon Street with the launch of the "affirmative design donation" project which we hope will transform the corporate face of 22 GS. (See column below.) The day was beautifully sunny – a welcome change from the "Beast from the East" – and we have settled in to picket, gearing up for 8 more days and for the flurry of activity for big events on Wednesday and Thursday. The UCU daily meeting at Trade Union Congress was well attended, with reports from students in the Occupation Hub at UCL, and reports of actions at Here East. The Union confirmed three further occupations happening across the UK - Exeter, Bristol and Leicester.

Round up

The first round of UCU/UUK talks facilitated by ACAS happened yesterday. The next meeting was not meant to happen until tomorrow (Wednesday), a situation that UCU blamed on UUK. But UUK then responded on Twitter that they were prepared to meet "any time, any place for talks" and agreed a new round of talks, starting at midday today.

The fine details of the negotiations are complex and views polarized: the gulf between *The Telegraph* and *The Socialist Worker* is wide. For an even-handed "primer" on the key issues, see: David Kernohan, "A beginner's guide to the USS dispute," in Wonkhe blog: <http://wonkhe.com>

Key fact about the strike: Staff forgo pay while on strike; their salaries go into the student hardship fund.

Affirmative Donation

Bartlett Staff Strike Writer

The strike space in front of the Bartlett entrance is being transformed by **affirmative design donation**.

This action has emerged because we understand that there are many reasons why colleagues are not striking, even if in many cases they might wish to or are sympathetic. Colleagues in the Architecture School have been invited to donate a piece of work instead. As Peg Rawes wrote in the original invitation: "Donating a text, drawing or image might be a way in which you could further extend the discussion into architectural and design history/theory/criticism/practice methods. **We are sure that there will be many ways that your work connects [to the key issues of the strike] around valuing work and older living.**"

Colleagues – staff and students – have responded creatively with architectural designs, drawings and texts. The works on display in the windows of 22 GS show educational, societal, scientific and cultural research about architecture, professions, publics, work and living, and address **housing, public space, the urban realm, land value, environmental and social relations, economics, science and technology in design, libraries, political imaginations, storytelling and speculative drawing practices.**

The initiative aims to help make links and connections between the ideas and practices taught within the Architecture School, and the issues being raised in the pensions dispute and on the picket without.