



THE BARTLETT UCL // DAY 8 OF 14 // WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2018

THE STRIKE CHRONICLE

"CUT BACK/FIGHT BACK"

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 8: Wed 7 March, from 10am, outside 22 GS *Strike-Writing: Towards a Strike Alphabet and a 'Pasquinade' Workshop* Teach-out led by Thandi Loewenson and Maria Catalina Venegas
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

5pm, UCL Anthropology, 14 Taviton

Street Gentrification as a Hate Crime Teach-Out Led by Adam Kaasa.

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.

PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS OF SPEAKERS

Day 7 Dispatch

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

Tuesday, 6 March: The Bartlett pickets carry on and the mood is high. Shout out to our colleagues at Central House and to CASA staff on the picket at Torrington Place! At 22 GS, we had James O'Leary's excellent teach-out "Ungovernable Spaces" (See column below.) James did a fantastic performance, spatializing our current situation in terms of cones of power, top down and bottom up. He pointed to the door as a threshold in relation to the door at 22 GS, highlighting its "thickening" nature with a brilliantly simple device - a rectangle of tinfoil taped before the door. Onto the daily union meeting and a packed room. Planning continues; the strike holds firm.

Round up

Clear-sighted opinion piece in *The Independent*, 07/03/2018: Christine Berry, "**We should all be as angry as university staff about the state of our pensions. They're a crisis in the making.**" <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/university-strikes-pensions-lecturers-crisis-savings-retirement-pensioners-a8242551.html>

UCU/UUK talks continued; they will happen today (Wednesday) at 3pm.

Corvus Oculum Corvi Non Eruit:

'a crow will not pull out the eye of another crow.'

Max Wisotsky

Our lecturers are striking: why should I care?

Our education is being impacted: who is to blame?

Our fees have been paid, our pockets emptied: where has it gone?

As students, we are conflicted.

Conflicted by the fact that our classes aren't being taught, that our money has been taken, that our academics have left the building.

But the blame lies not with our staff, not with our lecturers, but with the university managers, the higher-ups, who see higher education as a cash cow, a factory for profits.

Our professors and lectures are striking. Yes, striking against an attack on their pensions.

But, they are striking against the monetization of education, striking against a consistent and maintained attack on our systems of higher education.

They strike because they care about our future.

They strike because the University seems to care more about the money in their pockets than the quality of education they provide.

Solidarity Corner

In solidarity with the UCU Strikes, the Radical Residency, a group of autonomous students, activists and workers have squatted 1 Montague Street, an abandoned space owned by the British Museum. They are running events around the theme of "Reclaim your Education". They write: "We are engaging in act of refusals against the growing marketization and neo-liberalisation of higher education. **This is why we are creating an alternative educational space that is not rooted in exclusionary practices.** The space will be used as a community centre/alternative learning space ... **The reason we have chosen to do this now is to show solidarity with the UCU strike.** The attack on pensions is the latest attack on our education through greater marketization and commodification. This ideological austerity is pushing people towards greater precarity over the course of our lifetime." <https://www.facebook.com/radical.residency/>

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