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Defend Free State Education For All!

Gove is a four letter word

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Sky high tuition fees, university services contracted out for private profit, “under-performing” students turned away by academies, GCSEs rubbished, curriculum chaos. Gove has brought pandemonium to education. We say: Save Our Schools!



Speakers leading the defence of education:

Christine Blower – NUT General Secretary

Veronica Killen – UCU National Executive

Maia Pal – campaigner against the privatisation of services at Sussex University



7pm - 9.30pm Wednesday 29 May 2013

Friends' Meeting House

Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF

Limited number of press passes

£4 waged; £2 concessions; UCU free

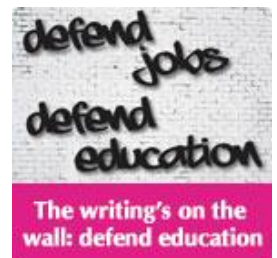


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Notes for editors

Christine Blower is the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers (NUT). She started teaching in 1973, progressing to lead a secondary school department in 1980. From 1990 she changed the direction of her career to work with children at risk of care or custody; and with children with challenging and unsettled behaviour. Christine taught for 33 years up to her election as Deputy General Secretary of the NUT in 2005, becoming NUT General Secretary in 2009.

The **NUT** is the largest teachers' organisation across Europe with over 300,000 members. It has a long and dedicated history of campaigning for the advancement of education for all children and works closely with other education unions including the UCU. See: www.teachers.org.uk or twitter @NUTonline.

Veronica Killen is a National Executive member of the University and College Union (UCU) having represented Higher Education since 2011. She works as a senior lecturer at Northumbria University, teaching Midwifery, public health and other health areas, after transferring from a teaching position in the NHS in 1994. Veronica will give a picture of the devastation to the post-16 education sector as a result of the privatisation and marketisation agenda being pushed by Michael Gove.

The **UCU** is the largest post-school union in the world, with 120,000 members working in post-16 education in the UK. It has a long history of defending and advancing educators' employment and professional interests. UCU is in conference at The Brighton Centre from 29 – 31 May 2013. See: www.ucu.org.uk or twitter @ucu.

Maia Pal is a young academic at Sussex University and a member of Sussex UCU. She will discuss the local campaign against the privatisation of services at Sussex University which led to the student occupation of the University's conference centre. See: www.sussexagainstoprivatization.wordpress.com or twitter @occupy_sussex or @sussexworkers.

The **Labour Representation Committee (LRC)** is an open, democratic and socialist organisation on the Labour left; see: www.l-r-c.org.uk. Sussex LRC is the Sussex branch of the Labour Representation Committee; see: www.sussexlrc.com

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