



FE England Joint Trades Unions open webinar

Working together to make any return to onsite working safe in FE, ACE and Prisons

5 pm, Monday 8 June, 2020

Register [here](#)

Unite and UCU Health and Safety lead officials will set out the Joint Trade Unions' expectations on the conduct of risk assessments and consultation around agreeing what a safe to any return to onsite working looks like.

- Chair: Janet Farrar, UCU Vice-President
- Unite: Bud Hudspith, National H&S Adviser
- UCU: Alex Lancaster, Bargaining and Negotiations Official (H & S Lead)

Due to high numbers of registrations to this webinar we will be asking for questions to be suggested in advance. We will try to keep an eye on the live chat box but this may be difficult answer live questions on the evening but we will do our best.

Registrations will close at 12 noon Monday 8 June.

Colleagues,

This webinar is being hosted by UCU on behalf of the FE England Joint Trade Unions and is open to trade union representatives from all of the FE trade unions together with College, Adult and Community Education and Prison Education management representatives. Officials from the Association of Colleges, Hoxex, Department for Education and Ministry of Justice will also be invited.

As Joint Trade Unions we recognise there are many challenges to any safe return to on site working, both on campus but also in the other learning environments that staff work in, including work based learning and prisons. We believe that only by working together can we address these adequately.

A key barrier to any return to onsite learning and working is the confidence of students and staff that it is safe to do so.

Some confidence issues will relate to matters outside of employers' control and are covered by the first three of the Joint Trade Unions five tests which can be found [here](#). While largely outside of employers' control, we regard these first three tests as valid for any return to occur.

The last two tests are solely within employers' control. On these we believe student and staff confidence will only be achieved when managers and trade union representatives work together to

agree what any safe return looks like. To assist those discussions at a local level the Joint Trade Unions have produced a guide for local discussion which has 5W's and can be found [here](#).

The FE Joint Trade Unions welcome and invite representatives from all of the trade unions and employers to join this important webinar.

Yours sincerely



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