

Counting the costs of casualisation

[Today sees UCU launch a major new survey on casualisation, which you can find here.](#)

For years, UCU has been arguing that casualisation is a cost we cannot afford. We've taken our message to government and parliament, and pursued agreements at national and local level that make real improvements for our members. [And we've made some impressive gains in the last few years.](#) How have we done this?

Part of the story has been our ability to expose the scandal of precarious work. We've refused to allow our colleges and universities to sell themselves as quality employers while they exploit our members, pointing to their shocking levels of casualisation.

Now we want to expose the true cost of this precariousness: the struggle to make ends meet; the anxiety; the erosion of wellbeing and the cost to the work our members do, a cost which is then borne also by our learners.

[If you're on an insecure contract, fill in the survey yourself and forward it to any colleagues also on insecure contracts.](#)

If you're not on an insecure contract, please share the survey link to ensure it gets the widest possible circulation and help us build this case.

[Fill in the survey and then circulate the link here.](#)

Thanks for your support.

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