

### Southampton UCU Pickets and Activities Schedule, 22-28 February 2018

Date	Picket lines	Activity	Location	Topic
Thurs 22/2	8am - 12pm			<b>Traute Meyer - <i>The big risk shift. Why British employers won't make pension promises any more</i></b>
	Highfield campus – meet outside 47 Uni Rd	2pm- 4pm <b>Teach out</b>	Swaythling Neighbourhood Centre	In this session <b>Traute Meyer</b> , Professor of Social Policy, will talk about the important role occupational pensions have played in the UK for many decades. Employers contributed to pensions voluntarily, protecting many. This situation is ending. Private sector schemes have contracted or closed over the last two decades, currently we are witnessing a similar trend in the public sector. Why is this happening? Why does it matter? Can anything be done about it?
Fri 23/2	Avenue campus – meet outside main entrance			<b>John Langley - <i>Time: Friend or Foe?</i></b>
	8am - 12pm	2pm- 4pm <b>Teach out</b>	SUSU meeting room 2, Level 1 B42	Do you struggle to meet deadlines? Does time control you or do you control your time? This teach-out, led by Prof John Langley, will explore the different calls on our time and offer some ways to take back control so avoiding rushed work, deadline panic and allowing the opportunity for quality time to meet that work deadline.
Mon 26/2	Highfield campus	12pm <b>Rally organised by Unite and Unison</b>	Jubilee Plaza, outside B85, Highfield	Our sister unions, Unison and Unite, are organising a rally to talk about the attack on staff pensions at University of Southampton. UCU is invited along to discuss the current USS dispute.
	Avenue campus	2pm- 4pm <b>Teach out</b>	October Books	<b><i>Shards from World histories of activism</i></b> For this session, held in support of our October Books' drive to raise funding for its new premises, staff in English will explore some of the ways in which literature engages with moments of social and political activism. <b>Stephanie Jones</b> will talk about 'Striking Sail, and other troubles at sea'. <b>Emma Clery</b> will discuss 'The Poetry of Protest in the Romantic period'. <b>Ranka Primorac</b>

will introduce us to ‘Africans on Strike’ through Ousmane Sembene’s God’s Bits of Wood. We’ll end with a performance from **Sarah Hayden** that helps us think about how hope can drive political action: ‘Would it not be possible?’

	8am - 12pm		
Tues 27/2	Highfield campus	2pm – 4pm <b>Teach out</b>	SUSU meeting room 2, Level 1 B42

**Denis Nicole - Cybersecurity and lock picking**

It’s a secret – come along and find out.....

	Avenue campus		
	8am - 12pm		
Weds 28/2	Highfield campus	1pm <b>Choir</b>	Turner Sims Concert Hall
	Avenue campus		

**University of Southampton Voices (USV)** are rehearsing *Sergeant Pepper* every Wednesday in the Turner Sims 1.10 - 1.50. All are welcome – no experience needed and **Harvey Brough** is happy to accommodate strikers and supporters to sing on our strike days.

***Beautiful Trouble: My First Strike.***

Workshop led by **Kevin Brazil**

For many staff, as well as many students, this will be their first experience of strike action. This is an opportunity to bring staff and students together to learn about the process in a different way than usual, where students learn from staff. Instead the strike offers staff a chance to learn with students: to learn about strikes, activism, and what works. People, even participants, often focus on what is negative about strikes - loss of teaching, loss of money, conflict, anxiety, stress. But the history of activism shows that strikes can be acts of empowerment, bonding, and joy - acts of beautiful trouble. To learn together about strikes and activism, we will study a selection of modules from the Beautiful Trouble casebook, reflect on what works, what doesn’t - and what we might use together at Southampton. <http://beautifultrouble.org/all-modules/>

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