



Two days of strikes at Nottingham University

Organised by the University and College Union (UCU), members of staff at the University of Nottingham went on strike on 22 and 24 March. During both days, we had picket lines at the most important entrances in the morning. The strength of the picket lines varied, but at times there were up to 12 or even 14 people at particular entrances. Spirits were generally high. Many cars honked their horns in support when driving past and we were joined by groups of students, who demonstrated that this was not a strike by members of staff against students, but a strike against the wider restructuring in Higher Education including the increase in tuition fees. We handed out a two-sided leaflet, where one side had been drafted by us, whereas the other by students from the Nottingham Students against Fees and Cuts movement.

Moreover, in order to demonstrate solidarity across the whole sector within the city, a joint rally was held by the UCU branches of Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University and institutions of Further Education in Nottingham city centre on 24 March. About 300 to 400 members of staff and students gathered to assert that we will not accept the cuts to Further and Higher Education and that the whole sector is united in the resistance to restructuring.