



# The boycott of assessment and marking activity

## Advice for action committees

Organising to boycott the marking and assessment process presents different challenges to organising strikes. It's important that members are regularly contacted by the union, face to face as well as via email and that they know what else is going on in your institution and feel part of it.

Part of the job of the action committee will be to organise the action and monitor it, but it's also important to work to boost morale.

The marking and assessment boycott will begin on 6 November. Please make sure that your action committee has a plan up and running as soon as possible.

**Here is a checklist of ideas for your action committee:**

**1** Make sure that every department or site has a nominated person (rep or contact) who can report on the action in their area.

**2** Organise small groups of activists to tour departments and organise department-level meetings.

**3** Organise regular general meetings at lunchtimes aimed at ensuring members are aware of the action across the institution.

**4** Designate someone to ensure that the action has high visibility on the campus through emails, posters, leaflets, stunts, activities and meetings.

**5** Designate someone to liaise with the Campaigns team at head office, ensuring that they know about and can share the action and activities on your campus with the wider union. Email your reports to [campaigns@ucu.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@ucu.org.uk)

**6** Where possible, organise lunchtime protest meetings jointly with students' unions, calling on vice-chancellors and principals to end the dispute.