

## **Endorsement from Janet Farrar, The Manchester College**

My name is Janet Farrar. I work at the Manchester College and I'm the Past President of UCU.

It's an absolute honour to endorse Jo Grady for reelection as the General Secretary of UCU.

I've been on the National Executive Committee for five and a half years now and I've been on the presidential team since 2020. So we've worked really closely together, and it's been an absolute privilege.

Sometimes our committees have made poor decisions that weren't what Jo would want, weren't what our members would want, but I've watched how she's challenged when she needs to, but ultimately stepped back, accepted the decisions and stood by them in public. And that is absolute class.

She's always had a spark, but now she's got four and a half years of experience to back it up. She is innovative, she's creative, she's driven.

And you know what? She's a really genuinely nice person. She's caring, she's funny. And I really think this comes across when she's on TV, when she's on the radio, when she's talking to members on picket lines because it's real.

She's the only candidate who understands further education. My sector. She went to an FE college herself. She just gets it.

But at the same time, she's also a well-respected academic in her own right and has respect across the whole trade union movement.

So don't just vote for Jo Grady. Get involved in the campaign. Bring other the people with you. These are exciting times for our Union.

So let's get Jo reelected where she belongs.

Cheers.