



University and College Union 7 March 2015

Funding Cuts – Don't Let Them Destroy Further and Adult Education

THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THERE WILL BE 24% CUT IN ADULT EDUCATION NEXT YEAR

At the end of last week, colleges were told that 24% of funding is to be cut from the adult education in colleges.

1 million adult places have already been lost since 2010 and now 400,000 more could go next year.

The college union says that if this happens, it will destroy education in colleges and put thousands of jobs at risk. We need to fight back against this.

What can you do?

* There is a petition which you can sign. It already has 10,000 signatures since last Friday. Please sign it today and ask other people to sign it too. (You can find it at www.ucu.org.uk)

* Join these 2 events:

Wednesday 18th March: Lobby of Parliament from 1pm. Committee room booked from 2pm. We will be inviting MPs and ministers to come along and hear what we think about these cuts.

Wednesday 25th March at 6pm: Demonstration and march from City Lit College to Downing Street to hand in the Letter to David Cameron PM, calling on the government to stop the cuts. This letter will be turned into a giant postcard to hand in.

* Contact your local MP to get their support to save Adult Education at: <https://www.writetothem.com/>

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Answer the questions

1. What is the Government planning to do next year?

2. How many adult student places have been cut since 2010? Put a cross in the box.

A. .24%

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C. 1,000,000

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B. 400,000

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D. 109

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3. According to the text which **one** is true? Answer with a cross in the right box.

A. There is a demonstration on the 31st March.

B. The cuts are not too bad.

C. 10,000 people have already signed a petition against the cuts.

4. What is the website address to contact your MP?

5. Which day are people going to Parliament and at what time?

6. What do these words from the text mean? Look them up in your dictionary and write down the meanings. Then put them into alphabetical order:

risk

signatures

demonstration

lobby

minister

E2-E3 Functional English tasks

Name _____ Date _____

More info at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/7419>



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WRITING TASKS

- 1 What do you think about these cuts?
Write 4 or 5 sentences and use **conjunctions**.

- 2 Find out who your MP is.
Write an email to them giving your opinion about the cuts. Tell them what you want them to do. You can write a rough draft here:
