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Marlis Tepe
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Dear Marlis

On behalf of the 110,000 academics, lecturers, trainers, researchers and academic-related professional staff members of the University and College Union (UCU), I am writing to express our solidarity and best wishes for the GEW's action week in support of a 'Dream Job in Academia'.

High quality education and research and fair working conditions depend on employment contracts that give staff stability and continuity of employment. Precarious employment is bad for staff and bad for education and research, yet it is common in universities and research centres across Germany and the United Kingdom.

Events such as the GEW's action week and the UCU's Anti-Casualisation Day of Action on the 19th of November are important in highlighting the problems faced by fixed-term staff, but also in providing opportunities to campaign and lobby for improvements in their working conditions. We, therefore, wish you all the best in your campaign to reform the Academic Temporary Contract Law.

The UCU appreciates the work that GEW does internationally to combat precarious employment in higher education and research and we very much welcome the opportunity of working with you and other unions to implement the EI Congress resolution on 'Quality terms and conditions of employment and the campaign for decent work'.

On the eve of your action week in support of a 'Dream Job in Academia', UCU is proud to stand with our colleagues in GEW to support fairness for all academic staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sally Hunt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sally Hunt
General Secretary