

On Friday 20th March 2015, Damien Markey a Senior Lecturer at the University of Bolton and Branch Secretary of the lecturers trade union UCU, was sacked following allegations that he had leaked information to the press with the aim of bringing the University into disrepute. He was given just 30 minutes to prepare for the disciplinary meeting which decided to dismiss him. His wife, Jennifer Markey, a colleague at the University and member of the trade union UNISON, was dismissed in a disciplinary meeting the following Monday.

Both Damian and Jenifer deny all the charges

-Demonstrate-

Saturday 16th May 2015

10:30 am Assemble Queens Park

(Spa Road/Gilnow Road car park)

11:00 am Protest walk round Bolton town centre

12:00 noon Rally Bolton town hall square.

Speakers...

Kevan Nelson – Regional Secretary UNISON North West Lynn Collins – Regional Secretary North West TUC Julie Hilling – Bolton North West Martyn Moss – Regional Official, UCU North West

"As the University student body we feel that the sacking of Damien and Jennifer, is unfair and unjustified. We believe the sacking is a vindictive act on trade union members. We cannot allow our staff members to be threatened for standing up for what they believe in. We fully support the UCU and UNISON campaign for their immediate reinstatement." **Bolton University Students Union**

"I support the campaign for the reinstatement of Damien and Jenny Markey at Bolton University. Attacks on trade unionists are part of a growing trend towards shutting down dissent. We need transparency and accountability from our public institutions and political representatives. My very best wishes for a successful campaign."

Maxine Peake - Bolton Actress

What You Can Do:

Sign the petition, get colleagues, trade union members, campaigners, friends, relatives etc to sign too.

http://www.ucu.org.uk/7464

Discuss at your trade union branch, campaign group, or other meetings, send a resolution and write to the University Govenors.

Send letters of protest to George Holmes, Vice Chancellor, University of Bolton

Contact: admin@unisonbolton.org

Twitter: #wearedamo