

Workfare, and your job.

“Workfare”: It means people forced to work unpaid.



How safe is your job? If you lose your job due to the cuts and have to claim Jobseekers Allowance then you may be sent to do workfare. You could be forced to work unpaid for the likes of Asda and Tescos. You could even find yourself doing your old public sector job - for no wages.

Think that's bad? It gets worse. Boycott Workfare already have case studies of people being forced to work unpaid in the unionised workplaces of Newham Council, Haringey Council and Homes for Islington. Workfare placements are being used to undermine everybody's paid jobs and working conditions.

Outraged? You should be. All three main political parties now believe it is right to force people to work unpaid. Why? To help boost the profits of big companies and private Work Programme providers. Yet workfare gives millions of taxpayers' money to the 1%. You are the 99%. You deserve more.

Workfare affects the 99%. Workfare will affect you. It's just a matter of time. Get your local union branch on board and Boycott Workfare.

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Workfare replaces paid staff with unpaid, un-unionised workers

“She worked her hours plus more and nothing was ever too much trouble for her. She'd been the backbone of service delivery. The basic starting wage for that level is around £17,000 for the work she was doing yet all she was getting was JSA and the fares for her lengthy bus journeys, while people doing identical work were getting a salary, paid leave and pension contributions. We were horrified.”

(Employee of Newham Council)

Workfare creates a two-tier workforce

“The first day was horrible. They sent me in the chill room to work with no fleece or gloves. I noticed the other staff not doing any hard jobs, making me do hard lifting. They were being paid and not doing as hard work as me.”

(Person on workfare at Bookers Wholesale)

- Workfare **does not increase peoples' chances** of finding work.
- People **face destitution** if they are 'sanctioned' for not taking part.
- Workfare **erodes everybody's pay, working rights and working conditions.**
- The end of the idea that **people have a right to welfare in our society.**

What can be done?

Boycott Workfare knows that a lot can be done to challenge workfare and is informing people of their rights. Already Waterstones has been embarrassed into withdrawing from workfare schemes. Help us to help you keep your job.

- Please get your **workplace or trade union to sign our pledge.** Other union branches already have. Visit our website for more details.
- Help us to **spread the word** and tell people you know who might be affected that we exist, that we can help.
- **Find out** where workfare is taking place in your area and let us know.
- **Sign up to our email list** to find out the latest workplaces taking forced labour and what you can do to stop it.

Workfare is wrong, it's up to all of us stop it. If you lose your job you could be sent to do workfare. People sent to do workfare at your workplace could cost you your job. So help yourself and get involved! Boycott exploitation. Boycott Workfare.

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