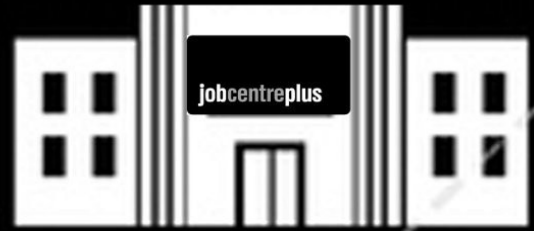


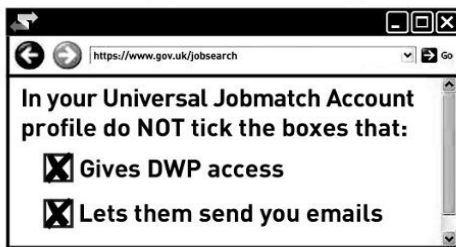
HOW TO AVOID WORKFARE



Workfare: It means people forced to work without pay.

1 BEWARE UNIVERSAL JOBMATCH

If the Job Centre give you a Job Seeker Direction forcing you to get a Universal Jobmatch account, then stop them sanctioning and snooping on you.



2 KEEP YOUR CV SAFE



Your CV is your personal data.

Never give a copy to

- The Jobcentre,
- The DWP
- Any training provider
- Any Work Programme Provider.

Only show it when asked, by holding it in front of them. Do NOT let them copy it.



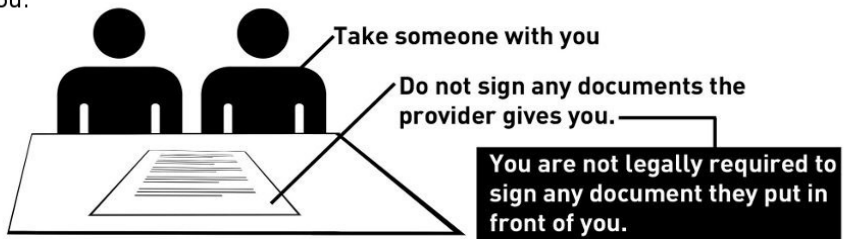
If they demand a copy ask them to put the request in writing, stating what benefit or sanctions may apply if you refuse.

5 WORK WITH US TO END WORKFARE

- Tell people about workfare
- Sleuth: when shopping keep your eyes and ears open for workfare
- Boycott shops that use workfare: see the list of 'Workfare Providers' at www.boycottworkfare.org
- Do not donate to, or shop at charities that use workfare: they are making us poorer. These include: Salvation Army, British Heart Foundation, YMCA and RSPCA.
- Keep up with the latest! Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.
- Join in with actions to stop workfare – direct and online!
- Find out the information you need: www.boycottworkfare.org. Contact us for more information: info@boycottworkfare.org

3 DO NOT SIGN

Referred onto the Work Programme, e.g. with Reed, A4E, Maximus or another welfare to work company?



By not signing any document, you are preventing the provider from being paid to harass you and you prevent your personal information being shared. Remember, keep your CV safe.

4 ABOUT TO BE FORCED ONTO A WORKFARE SCHEME, E.G. MANDATORY WORK ACTIVITY OR 'WORK EXPERIENCE'?



Research! Check out the guidelines to see how to avoid being sent on these schemes. (See a summary overleaf.) http://www.boycottworkfare.org/?page_id=1820



Conscientiously object! Find an ethical problem with those you are referred to. E.G the Salvation Army are a Christian organization. Are you a Christian?



Sent to a Charity? Find out if they have pulled out of the scheme. If they have, and you are sent to do workfare for them let Boycott Workfare know, they will get them to cancel it.



Speak up. Tweet, Facebook, Blog, write to newspapers, email.



Seek legal advice or a judicial review.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Work Programme

**You do not not have to sign any provider documents!
Find out if your “work experience” is mandatory or not.**

Fact: You don't have to sign any Work Programme provider documents or forms.

Fact: Not all 'work experience' on the Work Programme is mandatory.

Fact: The only personal data you need to share with a Work Programme provider (such as A4e) is your referral letter and signing on book.

Fact: Your CV is personal data and you don't have to give them a copy to keep.

Fact: A written Mandatory Activity Notification must be given if they want to make anything sanctionable or to keep or see personal info they do not already hold.

Fact: The Job Centre can postpone starting the Work Programme for 90 days if you have a job interview, or are expecting to work soon.

Fact: If you are on another Job Centre scheme, pregnant or a survivor of domestic violence you do not have to do the Work Programme.

See consent.me.uk and donotsign.com for more info on the Work Programme.

Don't volunteer for “Work Experience” or the “Sector Based Work Academy”!

- Do not agree to volunteer for the Sector Based Work Academy: You will be sanctioned if you try to leave the scheme.
- Many people are given the impression that they must do the Work Experience scheme or face sanctions. This is not the case: you do not have to agree to do it and you can leave without facing direct sanctions.
- However, leaving the Work Experience scheme can be used as an excuse to force you to do Mandatory Work Activity (MWA). Beware that if you don't have recent work experience, and do not consider volunteering or the Work Experience scheme, you may be referred to MWA.

Mandatory Work Activity: check and challenge your eligibility

We have seen people referred for this just because they have challenged their advisor. But there are strict DWP guidelines on who should be sent on MWA, which you can use to challenge referral. You do not have to go on this scheme if:

- you are currently working (paid or voluntary)
- you are undertaking employment related study or training
- you are taking part in, or recently completed, another “employment measure”
- the only reason given is your advisor thinks you haven't been meeting your jobseeker's agreement

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