



Scottish Unemployed Workers' Network

END FORCED LABOUR

WORKFARE = SLAVERY

SUWN and Dundee TUC DEMO @ THE RANGE 7TH MAY

Unemployed people are being made to work for nothing – or have their benefits sanctioned for 13 weeks and be left destitute.

Going to work every day knowing you won't be paid is demeaning and soul destroying. It has also been shown to be useless in helping people find paid work.

In fact **IT DESTROYS PAID JOBS.**

Why would employers pay even the minimum wage if they can get people to work for nothing? And this affects workers in other places too. If they pay decent wages then how can they compete against a company that gets labour for nothing?

We are in danger of finding ourselves in a society where it is the norm to expect people to have to work without pay to earn the right to earn a living.

We can stop this exploitation by naming, shaming and boycotting the unscrupulous companies and organisations that make use of this government-sponsored slavery. These include big businesses like **POUNDSTRETCHER** and **THE RANGE**, and also charities and community organisations - thus undermining the whole concept of volunteering. Many unemployed people genuinely and willingly give a lot of time to their local communities, but charities should not rely on slavery! National charities who exploit workfare include **DEBRA**, the **SALVATION ARMY** and **CATS PROTECTION**. Local community organisations include **MID-LIN DAY CARE** and the **DEAF HUB**

See other side for **what you can do to end this slavery** and more about the demo -

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO END WORKFARE SLAVERY

Let people know what is happening

Tell us if you know of places exploiting people through workfare so we can publicise this

Make a complaint in writing or in person to the manager of exploiting businesses or organisations

Boycott exploiting businesses and organisations until they withdraw from the scheme

Ask anyone you know who has been sent on these schemes to contact us so we can help them

Join our protests against slave labour schemes – including our demo outside The Range on 7 May

Sign our petition - <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/make-dundee-a-no-workfare-city>

Following our first protest outside The Range on Easter Monday we have been inundated with accounts of appalling treatment of both paid employees and workfare labour. These sound as though they had come from a Victorian jute mill rather than a modern store – including weeks of back to back 12 hour shifts and allegations of sexual impropriety. This behaviour can't go unchallenged. We will be back outside The Range on 7th May for a joint demonstration with Dundee Trades Council against exploitation and slave labour – please join us!

**Demonstrate
against workfare slavery and
worker exploitation
outside **The Range**
Lochee Retail Park
1pm Saturday 7th May**

EXPLOIT US AND WE WILL SHUT YOU DOWN!

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