

FIGHT FOR £15

Workers need a £15/hr minimum wage

Support Youth Fight For Jobs!

- Young people need to get organised to fight for a decent future – join and get involved in your trade union!
- End low pay. For trade union struggle for a £15/hr minimum wage. Abolish youth rates!
- End job insecurity and underemployment. Scrap zero-hour contracts!
- For a mass programme of socially useful and environmentally friendly job creation
- Make the 1% pay for the cost of living crisis – for democratic public ownership of major industry and the banks to provide us with a future

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As the cost of living continues to bite, young people are showing the hunger to fight back.

In the hospitality sector, young workers are leading the struggle against low pay, zero-hours contracts, and bullying and harassment in the workplace. Many of the most energetic workers on university picket lines this year have been young academics striking against similar conditions, including rampant casualisation and impossible workloads.

We've also seen young trade unionists coordinating the fightback in the hyper-precarious gig economy, including the UK's longest ever gig economy strike action by Just Eat drivers in Sheffield.

And in the US, young workers have taken the fight to the very top of American capitalism, leading historic victories for trade union recognition at megacorporations Starbucks and Amazon.

Mass fightback needed for £15

Young people need and want to fight for a decent future. Youth Fight For Jobs says: start with demanding and organising for a £15-an-hour minimum wage!

Our campaign pitches young workers against the bosses, who will always say they can't afford to pay us

more. Yet the likes of supermarket chains, housing companies, and the energy and fuel giants are all making record profits. Oil giants BP and Shell are set to make £40 billion profits this year alone! The money is there for a decent wage for all – but workers have to organise and fight for it.

On our side is the trade union movement, which has over six million members organised in workplaces across the country. Scores of workers – from bin workers to scaffolders to bus drivers – are currently fighting through their unions and striking against poverty pay.

There have been victories too. In Unite the Union alone, workers won £25 million worth of pay rises in 100 days alone at the end of last year.

Imagine what could be done if all these different strikes were brought together. Imagine the effect on the confidence of young workers to fight. Part of our fight for £15 is therefore about pushing the trade union leaders to organise this kind of mass coordinated action.

Mass industrial action would also hit the rich where it hurts most – in their profits – and pile huge pressure on this split and weak Tory government to act and end the cost of living crisis. It would pose who really runs society: the working class. And it would give huge confidence

to workers, not least to us younger generations, who have not yet witnessed the full force of the trade unions during our lifetimes.

Young people can energise workers' movement

Young people can play a vital role in the industrial and political battles ahead. With the rest of our lives ahead of us, we stand the most to lose from a future of poverty and uncertainty, but we also have the most to gain if we can start the fightback now.

Youth Fight For Jobs seeks to bring young people together in the fight for decent pay, jobs and homes for all. We want to help build democratic, fighting youth sections in every trade union, to channel our collective energy and transform the unions into real vehicles for mass struggle against the bosses and their political representatives – be that the Tories, Starmer's Labour, or any of the other establishment parties.

We also know that under capitalism, the bosses will fight tooth and nail to recoup their losses. That's why Youth Fight For Jobs campaigns not just for union-led struggle to improve our living standards in the here-and-now, but for a socialist society based on workers' democratic planning of resources to ensure a good quality of life for all.

Get involved with Youth Fight for Jobs

- Are you a young worker currently fighting back in your workplace?
- Do you want to discuss how the trade unions can lead the fightback among young people?
- Are you a young trade unionist wondering how you can build your union in your workplace, or get more involved in your trade union?

Youth Fight For Jobs wants to hear from all young people prepared to fight for a decent future.

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