

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO WORK

Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

Article 23 (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



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War on Want has always stood in solidarity with workers, around the world, who face intimidation and retaliation for organising into trade unions.

Today, migrant workers across the UK face racism, abuse and exploitation. The government is creating a hostile environment for migrant workers. **We must stand up for the right of ALL workers to decent pay and basic rights at work.**

Immigration controls are undermining basic workers' rights. Migrant workers are afraid to report exploitation to labour rights enforcement bodies* for fear they'll be arrested, detained, deported and treated as criminals. No one should be criminalised for working to provide for their basic needs.

Only by protecting equal social and labour rights for all workers can we stop a race to the bottom where employers drive down working conditions for everyone.

We must fight to ensure all workers enjoy basic rights at work. **Write to your MP today.**

War on Want believes :

- Work is not a crime.
- Every worker, regardless of their immigration status, should be able to claim their basic rights at work: labour rights enforcement bodies* must be separated from immigration enforcement.
- Asylum seekers should be given the right to work

War on Want believes in decent work and a living wage for all, regardless of immigration status.

*HMRC's National Minimum Wage enforcement team; Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority; Employment Agency Standards Inspectorate; Health and Safety Executive.

TAKE ACTION NOW

- 1 Send this card to your MP c/o War on Want
- 2 Order more action cards for your events, stalls and groups at waronwant.org/materials
- 3 Keep up to date at waronwant.org/RightToWork

"If you don't have the paper, wherever you go you will never get treated the same as other people. They will shout at you, scream at you, pushing you to work really hard... we never ever complain to anybody. If we [do then] we just get sacked as he has more workers waiting."

**Worker quoted in
*The Wages of Fear***

Dear _____ MP,

I am concerned that immigration controls are undermining basic workers' rights. Migrant workers are afraid to report exploitation to UK labour rights enforcement bodies* for fear they'll be arrested, detained, deported and treated as criminals. Only by protecting equal social and labour rights for all workers can we stop a race to the bottom where employers drive down working conditions for everyone.

Please work to ensure:

1. Going to work is never a criminal offence.
2. Every worker, regardless of their immigration status, is able to claim their basic rights at work: labour rights enforcement bodies* must be separated from immigration enforcement.
3. Asylum seekers are given the right to work.

Yours sincerely,

First name:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

We want to make sure we keep in touch with you in the way you prefer. If you've already let us know how you want us to communicate with you – thank you! We will continue to contact you as before. How would you like to be contacted?

Telephone Post Email SMS

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