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Industrial Workers of the World



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An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

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IWW CALL UPON WORKERS TO UNIONISE WORKPLACES TO HELP

# STOP WAGE THEFT!



The Christmas campaign against Wage Theft took to the streets in Derry city centre at the start of the month.

Members of the IWW branch distributed information leaflets on the campaign and how workers locally can best challenge aspects of wage theft in their place of work.

Throughout this afternoon's action, IWW members engaged with workers on the streets hearing first hand issues in work-places across the city.

One member reported that "We got to reach out to local workers as well as hear first-hand accounts. Having the chance to hand out information and have workers take leaflets from us to help hand out in their workplace is a good start".

"By workers taking the initiative themselves is a good first start to help unionise their place of work. By encouraging more workers to do the same where they work will be something we would like to highlight over the Christmas period. We know the issue of wage theft isn't just a seasonal issue, as it happens all year round.

"Wage Theft is an emotive issue at the best of times for many

workers and with this supposedly being the 'season of good will', workers know that's a joke.

"Even though its the holiday season, workers continue to be treated with disrespect. As a union we believe that the most effective way to challenge wage theft and other issues is for workers to be unionised. By unionising they can get support and strength to put their demands across and better working conditions."

If you would like to find out more about joining the IWW, how to create a union where you work, receive training and support then get in touch.

If you would like to help out in the campaign locally where you work or live then please email us at: derry@iww.org.uk

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

YOU CAN SHARE INFO LEAFLETS, PUT SOME POSTERS UP!
REACH OUT TO WORKERS LOCALLY
AND GET ACTIVE IN YOUR UNION!

HELP UNIONISE YOUR WORKPLACE OR COMMUNITY!

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Several hundred union and community activists marched together through Derry city centre, as part of the Derry Trades Union Council - We Demand Better - campaign. The march & rally came together following a series of public town hall meetings organised by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions earlier in the month. A number of community and union representatives spoke from the platform and gave their endorsement to the campaign. Several echoed the call for the need to have continued feet on the streets, to demand that enough is enough.

Many spoke of the need for unity within the trade union movement at this time as the class war intensifies. While others touched on the impact cuts were having on all services, in all communities and on all workers as the politicians prepared for yet another election in the new year.

An IWW spokesperson said following today's events, which took place in both Derry and Belfast, stating "It's important that we remain on the streets and on the picket lines. There is no other way in which we can achieve our

goals and put an end to piss poor wages, food banks or fuel poverty. The government and their politicians can try and deflect or blame what is happening on Putin's war on Ukraine or a dysfunctional Stormont.

"We know that this is a class war which has been bubbling away in the background for some time. We see it every day with atacks on our health, on our education and on our communities. It's been on the increase and we are all witnessing it, as many of today's speakers have touched on.

"For our part, we believe that only through working class mobilisation, in our workplaces and from within our communities, can we effectively challenge the impact of what this is having upon all our lives.

"This is why the IWW are here today in Derry, in Belfast as elsewhere, in solidarity with others to begin that challenge on the streets."

#thisisaclasswar #unionisethefight

#### TECH WORKERS TARGETED

During an unprecedented time of pressure on workers - partly due to inflation, partly due to the cost of living crisis, and majorly due to the greed of individual capitalists - the Meta and Twitter companies have announced worsening conditions and widespread layoffs.

Falling profits at Meta and the disastrous buyout of twitter have caused both companies to shed costs by putting skilled, valuable workers out at this time of year. Both companies have a significant presence in the South of Ireland, and this news is extremely unwelcome.

Twitter has announced a compulsory "back to office" for retained workers, echoing the strategies used by incoming CEO Elon Musk at Starlink and Tesla.

Watching the decline of both companies, it's easy to see how the workers keep the wheels turning and power the business.

Without standing together, workers throw themselves upon the fickle mercy of billionaires.

When workers stand together, they can resist and fight back against mass layoffs and worsening conditions.

Those of us who work in the Tech sector can see that if this can happen in billion dollar household name companies, to workers with significant experience and expertise - it can happen to you.

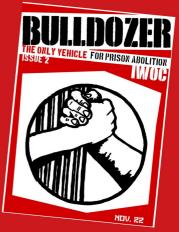
### BULLDOZER #2 OUT NOW!

The second issue of the Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee zine BULLDOZER: The only vehicle for prison abolition! AND is available free to prisoners or by donation for supporters and solidarity.

BULLDOZER is written and produced by incarcerated workers in Ireland is a zine for prison abolition. Prisons are tools of oppression. Tools that are used by Governments to discipline the working class and repress political dissent.

To find out more about the IWW and IWOC or to contribute to Bulldozer write to:

Bulldozer P.O. Box 346 Derry City, BT48 4FZ, Ireland.



### DUBLIN WORKER GET THE GOODS!

On 2nd October members of the IWW attended a picket in support of a member of IWU Dublin branch.

The member's employer had bullied him and was refusing to pay compensation that the Workplace Relations Commission had ruled the member was owed.

After less than an hour of picketing the employer caved and agreed to pay the full sum owed. We can confirm that the worker has been paid his compensation in full.

This is the power of a union. As individuals the bosses can push us around but together we are strong.

Solidarity and direct action get the goods!

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