

BOYCOTT WORKFARE

You, this store & workfare



WORKFARE: It means people like you forced to do unpaid work for up to six months.

Workfare gives those with millions millions by forcing people to work for no wages. Multi million pound companies such as Asda, Pizza Hut and Holiday Inn use workfare to replace paid labour. Charities like Barnardos and British Heart Foundation are profiting too. They can now get staff for free so why hire them? And guess what – you pay for it.

HOW? This store is able to replace paid staff with unemployed people who are forced to work without pay on threat of benefit sanction. This store now gets staff for free and doesn't have to pay a penny, thanks to you the tax payer!

£6 billion of your taxes have been spent on the Work Programme – but workfare does not create jobs.

WORKFARE AFFECTS ALL OF US. It drives down wages and replaces paid work. That is why we're taking action with hundreds of other people across the UK to stop it.

TURN OVER TO FIND OUT YOUR RIGHTS

1. Don't volunteer for "Work experience"!

Although the government has recently made some concessions regarding the Work Experience scheme, there are still sanctions – both direct and indirect – that you may face. We do not know how the government's concessions will play out – so the best thing to do is try to avoid the Work Experience scheme.

- Do not agree to volunteer for the job centre's "work experience": It quickly becomes forced unpaid labour.
- If you want to do work experience, find something that is *really* voluntary.
- If you are sent on the scheme, the concessions suggest that you CAN leave at any point. If you find that this is NOT the case – get in contact with us and we will try and help.

2. Avoid Mandatory Work Activity!

We have seen people referred for 'Mandatory Work Activity' simply because they have challenged their advisor. But there are strict guidelines for who can be referred. You can use the DWP rules below 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 / training
- you are taking part in or recently completed another "employment measure"
- the reason given is you have a lack of recent work experience
- you are being referred because your advisor thinks you haven't been meeting your jobseeker's agreement.

3. The "Work Programme"

Multi-million pound companies like A4E profit from making lives miserable on the Work Programme.

Know your rights! Did you know that the only personal data you need to share with a workprogramme provider are 1) your referral letter and 2) signing on book?

Fact: You do not need to give them bank details, passport, driving licence or utility bills.

Fact: you do not need to share personal information with them.

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

Did you know that if you are on another job centre scheme, pregnant or a survivor of domestic violence you do not have to do the Work Programme?

Visit the **consent.me.uk** website for more info on your rights on the Work Programme.

Remember, you are not alone. That's why Boycott Workfare was formed by people like you. So help yourself,- know your rights! Get involved and spread the word!

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