

The End Low Pay Campaign presented the Scrooge of the Year Award 2002 to George Bain at Christmas. Mr Bain was the person responsible for recommending the low level of the minimum wage and the loopholes in the legislation that allow employers to avoid paying the minimum wage. He also deserved the award for his report which opposed fair pay for the firefighters and his proposals for the destruction of the fire service as we know it.

But Mr Bain was not the only contender. We have received the names of dozens of new employers paying miserly wages eg. apprentice electricians on  $\pounds 1.75$  per hour, one Costcutters shop pays  $\pounds 2.10$  to under 18s, and hairdressers on  $\pounds 1.75$  an hour! The End Low Pay Campaign will stepping up our campaign of exposing low pay employers and plan to picket them.

## **End Low Pay Campaign**

The current minimum wage of £4.20 is an insult. In the five years since it was introduced, the minimum wage has gone up a miserly 60p. Youth exemptions allow employers to exploit young workers. For under 18s there is no minimum. 18-21 year olds get £3.60. We want youth exemptions abolished. We are demanding £6 minimum NOW. Join the End low Pay Campaign today!

## Are you being ripped off?

- If you get less than the minimum wage
- If you don't get proper payslips
- If you do not have breaks, holiday pay or other basic entitlements get in touch with us.

We have won thousands of pounds for workers who have been deprived of these rights. You could be entitled to compensation. If you contact us we will discuss your case in confidence. We will take no further action without your agreement.



Our Name & Shame campaign is making the wages they pay public. So far over 1000 employers have been exposed.

We have picketed low paying employers and forced them to raise wages.

We are helping workers unionise workplaces and take effective action to win decent wages. The End Low Pay Campaign which was set up by the Socialist Party is exposing low pay employers and fighting for a decent wage.

## We demand

- + £6 an hour minimum wage as a step towards £7.50 an hour minimum with no exemptions
- + The scrapping of all youth exemptions – equal pay for equal work
- + Reject New Deal and Jobskills for decent benefits, real training or a job for all without compulsion
- + Trade union rights for all. Scrap the anti-union laws
- + A 35 hour working week without loss of pay to create thousands of

## Join the Socialist Party

The Socialist Party is involved in this and many other campaigns fighting back against poverty and injustice. We are a non-sectarian party that puts the common interests of working people first.

Our youth section Socialist Youth is campaigning to abolish the hated youth exemptions and to stop the exploitation of young people.

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