

Petition: Time For Rights



We are calling on [YOUR STUDENTS UNION] and [YOUR INSTITUTION] to guarantee the protections outlined in the Working Time Directive for all their workers, even if they're removed or diluted in law post-Brexit.

The EU has long been a strong advocate for workers' rights, including the Working Time Directive, which includes the right to at least four weeks holiday per year, rest breaks, restricts excessive night shifts and ensures a maximum 48-hour working week.

The Tories initially blocked the Working Time Directive in 1993 and rejected EU employment laws in a parliamentary vote in January 2018. The Tories' Brexit Secretary, Dominic Raab, has specifically criticized the Working Time Directive, claiming that "Britain should secure a total opt out" from the legislation.

With the rising cost of living forcing more students to take on work while at university, students and other low-paid workers are becoming increasingly exploited, particularly those on insecure contracts. It has never been more important for [YOUR STUDENTS UNION] and [YOUR INSTITUTION] to protect their workers.

Many organisations pay their staff the real Living Wage, despite this not being a legal requirement. Currently, EU workers' rights legislation – including the Working Time Directive – applies to UK workers. These rights are at risk from the Tories' Brexit, and therefore – like with the real Living Wage – Student Unions must take proactive steps to protect workers on campus.

We are therefore calling for:

- [YOUR STUDENTS UNION] to guarantee the protections outlined in the Working Time Directive for all Student Union student workers, even if they're removed or diluted in law post-Brexit.
- [YOUR STUDENTS UNION] to similarly guarantee these protections for all Student Union non-student workers.
- [YOUR INSTITUTION] to also commit to guaranteeing these protections for all its workers.

Together we can defend workers from a Tory hard-Brexit.

Signed, [LIST OF NAMES AND ORGANISATIONS]

Labour
STUDENTS



1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.
15.	16.
17.	18.
19.	20.
21.	22.
23.	24.
25.	26.
27.	28.
29.	30.
31.	32.
33.	34.
35.	36.
37.	38.
39.	40.
41.	42.
43.	44.
45.	46.
47.	48.
49.	50.

(Please re-print this document from the Labour Students website to add further names)