

# RMT Trainpeople Agency Workers



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**NOT THE WORKERS.**

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## JUSTICE FOR THE 33 CAMPAIGN

On 19 December 2012 London Underground sacked 33 agency workers who had been employed on LUL contracts for the past 5 years. They were denied applying for jobs that were available on LUL despite the agency workers regs expressly forbidding this.



We have held demos at Wembley Central, Broadway, Queens Park and Hammersmith to highlight the immoral and unjust sacking of 33 RMT members who worked for the trainpeople agency on the Bakerloo and District lines. We have visited all the stations on the groups and received positive support from all staff, irrespective of which union they are in. To sack 33 workers just before Christmas is unbelievably cruel.

These workers have been employed as station staff for the last 5 years. Probably the longest job interview/role play known to anyone.

They have been used, abused and refused by LUL. Initially they were prevented from applying for vacancies on LUL. When they exercised their rights under the Agency Worker regs(AWR) LUL rejected their applications. After appealing, 40 agency workers applied but only 1 got through the selection process. Statistically suspicious? Certainly.

How can a group of workers fail assessments to do the jobs they have been doing for 5 years? Can the criteria LUL require the agency to use when recruiting staff be so different?

It does not take a genius to conclude that this does not add up.

Legally and morally LUL are culpable here. Justice for the 33. Sack the agency not the workers



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RMT Soup Kitchen- Jan 15th 2013- The siege of Broadway



*"The RMT is an all grades union; our motto is unity is strength. We must support the trainpeople workers who may soon be picketing their workplaces. Our members' have a proud tradition of never crossing picket lines.*

*Long may it continue".*  
Steve Hedley RMT AGS

*"we are not begging, we just want to work. We have proved our worth over the past 5 years"* trainpeople agency worker Jan 2013

Tory MP Chris Grayling offers support to the J33 campaign. See video at <http://www.rmtlondoncalling.org.uk/node/3814/edit>



As the directors and executives of LUL got to work at Broadway on Tuesday morning they were met by 50-60 RMT members' and supporters of the justice for the 33 campaign. We set up a soup kitchen to publicise the plight of the 33 sacked RMT members.

The demo was noisy and vibrant. We told LUL we were not going to go away and we mean it. We are determined that justice will be done for these 33 workers who have been caught in the middle of this.

## **"Collateral damage"**

The sacking of 33 RMT members is not considered to be collateral damage. These are decent and honest people with homes, spouse, partners and



children to support. This is their livelihoods' they are fighting for. They are not begging for a job, they just want to work.

The message is clear to LUL. Sack the agency not the workers. Justice for the 33. The demos and campaign will continue until we achieve this. We intend to bring the 33 sacked workers to all stations and depots to publicise their plight.

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