

VOTE



PCS INDEPENDENT LEFT

For a fighting, democratic union



For DWP Group Executive Elections 2023

We congratulate all our DWP colleagues who have taken national action and those who have taken sustained and targeted action. We are campaigning to renew the ballot and continue to fight as part of the national campaign. But we have to be honest: Disgracefully, tens of thousands of our members are now on the minimum wage, including those in London, wiping out any benefits they may have got from the Employee Deal.

Our members who faced redundancies and office closures were left to fight on their own, without cross-DWP action, and now hundreds are no longer with us, and for the first time ever, less than 50% of DWP staff are members of the union.

We don't believe this was inevitable, but it needs to be reversed.

Voting for a new leadership of the DWP Group won't change things over-night, but we can start. If you agree please vote for the **Independent Left & Broad Left Network** candidates opposite.

Pay, Pensions and Jobs: We need sustained, targeted action in DWP paid by the levy, as well as escalated national action to win on in DWP. But not indulge in another pay deal where we sell terms-and-conditions for pay that isn't protected from inflation. We should utilise action short of a strike to put pressure the employer and this should be a question on future ballots.

Office closures and redundancies: Members took valiant action against closures, but they were asked to do so alone. An injury to one is an injury to all. We will organise a national response to stop future job losses.

Flexible working: We have proven much work can be done from home. We will negotiate proper flexible working for staff who want it.

Full involvement of members in negotiations: We will end secretive negotiations with DWP management which only benefit the employer

Organise facilities staff: These colleagues have the industrial power to support our pay demands, but are currently second-class members. We will recruit, organise and bargain for support workers and in doing so will create more bargaining power for all of us.

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