

Pay Campaign Weekly Update – 10/3/06

Summary

- We have begun preliminary discussions with HR on how we might resolve the dispute.
- Workplace packs are in final draft and will be available from Monday.

Central Lobbying

- Following our discussions at the Staff Council, the DG has indicated that he is keen to try and find an amicable solution to the campaign, and to give a positive response to the questions which we posed (see previous updates). We have indicated that we are also willing to try and resolve the dispute, and we have therefore had an initial, without prejudice meeting with HR staff to try and explore any potential pathways which might lead to a resolution.

Local Activity

- The Unions' Council agreed that the current actions plans (awareness, posters, recruitment, postcards & wristbands) would continue for another few weeks supplemented by workplace meetings where desired.
- Internal planning will also begin on preparing a petition and on planning a letter writing campaign directed at MPs, MSPs and AMs, though this will only be implemented if our central discussions with HR prove unsuccessful.
- **Meeting Packs:** Final draft with reps. Should be available for download from Monday.
- **Postcards & Wristbands:** Everyone should now have these; if not then please let me know. The postcards are designed to highlight the issues behind the campaign so please distribute them and put them up in your workplace. In particular please hand them out to non-members as part of the on-going recruitment drive. The **wristbands** are primarily intended for union members but again please use them wisely. We have tried to divide the cards and bands as evenly as possible, but if you need more then please let me know.
- **Postcards & Wristbands:** Also if for whatever reason you are not going to use many of the items, then please can you return any unused items to me in Silvan House in order that we can reallocate them.
- **Recruitment:** I know it's hard work, but please keep chipping away on this.
- **Posters & Recruitment forms.** These are still available for download. If you're having trouble printing the posters, please let me know and we'll post some to you. Also **Noticeboard Headers** are available for download. If you can't print it, shout and we'll send you one.

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