ABOLISH WORKFARE SCHEMES

Opening shift is a "retail work experience programme" that launched in September 2026. It is supposedly aimed at getting unemployed young people into work. In truth, this scheme is workfare rebranded ("work for your benefits") and this will deter participating companies* from paying workers an actual wage.

As part of the International Workers' Association's Week Against Unpaid Wages, SOLIDARITY FEDERATION opposes unpaid work experience, and calls on companies to drop this, and instead to offer decent jobs to young people.

If you're a worker:

Talk to your union. If you don't have one, or they are unable to help, contact SolFed to fight back.

If you're a customer:

Unpaid "work experience" doesn't create jobs, it takes paid jobs away from workers. Complain to your local participating retailer.

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Follow the QR code for links to Liverpool SolFed's online presence.

*For a list of participating retailers, see https://brc.org.uk/priorities/people/skills/opening-shift/#current-retail-supporters-of-opening-shift