

# GMB YORKSHIRE & NORTH DERBYSHIRE YOUNG MEMBERS

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## MINIMUM WAGE CUTS FOR THE UNDER 21S

The minimum wage for UK workers aged 21 and above has risen by 11p to £6.19 per hour but there has been no increase for younger employees.

Despite inflation currently running at 2.6% the government only increased the minimum wage by 1.8% for those 21 and over and imposed a freeze for younger workers. This has resulted in a real-terms pay cut for around 940,000 minimum wage workers.

Those aged between 18-20 will continue to take home £4.98 per hour and 16-17 year olds will continue to earn £3.68. The rate for apprentices is increasing by only 5p to just £2.65 per hour.

From the age of 16 you can legally get married, at 17 legally drive and at 18 legally drink alcohol, but when it comes to pay you are treated differently from your fellow workers who often carry out the same duties as you. Is this right?

Regardless of age, whether you are 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 you should be paid the same wage for doing the same work as someone who is 21 or over.

**The youth rate of the national minimum wage should be abolished and all workers paid the same and employers should be encouraged to do this.**

Are you affected by this?  
If you want to get involved with this GMB campaign please email  
[rachel.harrison@gmb.org.uk](mailto:rachel.harrison@gmb.org.uk)



Lewis Dagnall presenting a cheque to Remploy workers

## SUPPORTING REMPLOY WORKERS

GMB Young Members have been supporting Remploy workers in their fight against the continued attacks on their employment.

Remploy is the largest and oldest employer of disabled people in Britain and provides employment and a way of life for thousands of people who may have been discriminated against by mainstream employers whilst trying to find employment.

The Con-Dem governments have made sustained attacks to our Remploy worker.

December 2012 saw a further announcement from the Con-Dems that they were proceeding to close 15 of the remaining 18 factories this year.

Sign the petition to let the government know you want to see an end to the closure of the remaining Remploy factories.  
[www.saveremployfactories.co.uk](http://www.saveremployfactories.co.uk)

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GMBs Spectacular Young Members Banner!



GMB Young Members Marching for a Future that Works!

## MARCHING FOR A FUTURE THAT WORKS

Last year GMB young members went to London to March for a Future that Works. A future that gives us the opportunity of full time employment, job security, affordable housing, a living wage, a chance of being able to stand on our own two feet without relying on our parents.

Not a future of pain, cuts, higher unemployment, expensive housing rents, part time work, higher university fees and more difficulty getting on the housing ladder whilst the richest in society have been given 50% tax cuts (take this out) .(add) - The richest have had their 50p tax rate reduced to 45p which on average is saving the highest earners £140,000.00 per annum and costing the government £3bn in the first year, rising to £4bn in 2016-17.

Austerity isn't working. Over 150,000 people went to London to tell the Con-Dem government to change their ways!

**The world is ours for the taking - the more of us who stand together the brighter our future is!**



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## NEXT YOUNG MEMBERS MEETING

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

LEEDS CIVIC HALL

6:30PM - 8:30PM

# GMB @ GLASTONBURY AND LEEDS FESTIVAL

(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Every year GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Region send a delegation of young members to volunteer as workers in the bars at Glastonbury and Leeds Festivals.

We work closely with Workers Beer Company who are the leading suppliers of bars to festivals and they exist to help the Labour Movement and Trade Unions in raising money for campaigns.

Our delegation work for free and all wages are paid into the Young Members fund which is used by young members in their campaigns.



Volunteers are expected to work 6/7 hour shifts on all days the festival is open but these are varied to ensure you still get to see some acts. As a volunteer you have access to private camping facilities with toilets and showers, a beer tent with discounted drinks prices and for each shift you work you receive 2 free drinks and 2 free meals.

As soon as we know how many volunteers we are able to send we will email out to all young members. If you are interested please respond to the email direct.

To ensure you receive our emails please contact our regional office on **08453377777** with your email address.



## HOPE NOT HATE GIG

GMB Yorkshire & North Derbyshire Region and young members welcomed Paul Heaton to Sheffield in October 2012 where he played some of his more recent hits alongside the old classics.

GMB sponsored the event organised by anti-fascist organisation Hope Not Hate in order to help raise funds for this important movement. Hope Not Hate organise people to stand up against far-right hate groups such as the British National Party and the English Defence League.

Paul Heaton, former lead singer of The Housemartins and The Beautiful South has campaigned on a number of issues which fall into line with the GMB@Work agenda. Supporting Paul at the Gig were local Sheffield bands Standard Fare and Section 60.

GMB young members were represented well at the Gig and had a stall offering advice and the opportunity to join. They also received tickets to the after show party.

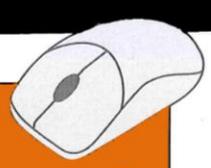
# HOW DO I JOIN?

Just fill in the form below and hand it to your local GMB workplace organiser, or post it to GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region, FREEPOST NEA524, Grove Hall, 60 College Grove Road, Wakefield WF1 3SY (you do not need a stamp).

JOIN GMB

www.gmbbyorkshire.org.uk

OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL 0845 337 7777



Remember, GMB membership covers you for all of your jobs, wherever you work. GMB weekly contributions are £2.70 if you work 21 hours or more per week, £1.55 if you work between 10-20 hours per week and just 85p if you work less than 10 hours per week. Working students 85p per week.

<b>FOR UNION USE ONLY</b>	Section <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>	Branch No <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>	Membership No <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>	Date of joining <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>
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## GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region membership application form

**1 TELL US ABOUT YOU**

Surname  First name  Title  Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr Date of birth

Home address  Home tel  Email

Postcode  Mobile  I agree to abide by GMB rules Signature

Date    We ask for your ethnic origins as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members  
 Bangladeshi  Black African  Black Caribbean  Black British  Chinese  Indian  Pakistani  White  Other:

**2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB**

Employer  Your job

Address where you work  Postcode  How many hours a week do you work?  Pay no

Work tel  Pay date

**3 CHOOSE EITHER AUTHORISATION OF DEDUCTION OF YOUR TRADE UNION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR PAY**

*Section 68, Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended*

I authorise my employer to deduct my pay each week/month the sum of:  £

Please start the deductions immediately and pay the amounts to GMB  Cash

I note that this agreement may be cancelled by one month's notice in writing

I give permission for my employer to notify GMB of any future changes of address

Signed  Date

Or other amounts as maybe fixed by GMB from time to time

**4 OR INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY DIRECT DEBITS**

Please fill in the form and send to GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region, Grove Hall, 60 College Grove Road, Wakefield WF1 3RN.

Name and full postal address of your bank or building society branch  Service user number

To the manager of  Bank/building society

Address

Postcode

Name(s) of account holder(s)

Bank/building society account number

Bank/building society sort code

Reference number (office use only)

For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your bank/building society. If your A/C number is not available, fill in your address below.

Instructions to your bank or building society: Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature(s)

Date

Banks or building societies may not accept instructions from some types of account