



REMPLOY

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DEFEND THE REMPLOY FACTORIES

The GMB are campaigning against the Sayce report that recommends the closure of Remploy factories and privatisation of Employment Services.

Remploy are government funded workplaces that employ men and women with disabilities and are under attack from the Sayce report recommendations of closure.

Remploy was established after the Second World War to provide employment for men and women in the armed forces injured in the pursuit of freedom. It is now the biggest and most important employer of disabled people in Britain, and still continues today to provide sustainable employment for those returning from active service.

The Sayce report recommends withdrawing funding from Remploy, this could mean that 54 factories are closed resulting in more than 2,000 people with disabilities without a job. The government have opened a three month consultation period that finishes in October 2011 and GMB are vigorously campaigning to defend the Remploy workers.

As part of this campaign the GMB are asking the public to sign a petition that will be sent to David Cameron to stop the closure of Remploy factories and privatisation of Employment Services and continue to support some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

Join the campaign and support the Remploy workers.

Sayce Report

The Sayce report is aspiration and whilst commendable does not deal with the reality of many workers with disabilities in Britain. The principle of inclusion in society is supported by GMB but not by attacking Remploy.

Local Authorities and Government is the predominant employer of people with disabilities and the report does not reflect circumstances of the current climate regarding job losses and cuts to services.

Access to Work is an initiative that helps people with disabilities retain employment by assisting in the workplace e.g. adjustments, adaptations etc. GMB believes there should be an increase in funding to access to work but not at the expense of people with disabilities in Remploy.

Consistently throughout the report there is reference to choice but at no point does it accept that Remploy is the choice for many people with disabilities.

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