

London's Tube & Rail Cleaners Need Your Support



Every day millions of Londoners travel on trains & from stations which are cleaned day & night by fellow Londoners.

It is dirty, tiring work.

Cleaning Companies are given £ Millions from our fares & taxes.

But the cleaners are little more than slaves:

- ✓ Most are on the minimum wage (£5.52 per hour), with no company sick pay and no pension;
- ✓ *Most changing and eating areas are a disgrace in a civilised society;*
- ✓ Many do two FULL-TIME cleaning jobs, or work excessive hours, and work miles away from home;
- ✓ *They are doing more and more work & have their stations or depots changed without consultation;*
- ✓ Buy tickets to travel between the stations they clean;
- ✓ *They are often intimidated & bullied – including by repeated immigration & National Insurance checks;*
- ✓ Many are sacked without any procedure ('third party sackings') or not allowed legal union representation.

Enough is Enough: End Intimidation: Cleaners demand Dignity & Respect

Please support the Cleaners' strikes

Just a few of the day-to-day experiences of Londoners who clean the rail and tube.

I have to do two cleaning jobs just to make ends meet. Many of us do. It is very tiring. I hardly see my family.

I have cleaned the underground for many years. To save money my employer made people redundant and forced the rest of us to clean more stations. It is too much for me to do.

When there is a fatality we have to clean body parts from the stations trains & tracks. We get no extra pay, no counselling. It is very traumatic.

We put in a grievance when our manager referred to us as animals – now most of us have been sacked or driven out.

The RMT has witnessed cleaners (male & female) changing together in a windowless store cupboard. General disrespect from managers is rife.

During recent Tube cleaners strikes, managers, including from Metronet, (earning much more than £ 5.52) cleaned trains and stations. Agency strike-breakers were driven in windowless vans and told to lie on the van floor. Others were sent over live rails. This is unsafe & inhuman behaviour.

Cleaners were told verbally they would be sacked if they went on a perfectly legal strike. Bullying and victimisation is happening. But the strikes and action will continue until cleaners are treated with decency.

Most cleaners are from minority ethnic communities. Their treatment is a blight on London and it is funded with Londoners' money. This will only be stopped with your help: the outfits on the Underground are ISS, Initial, GBM, ICS. Some are multinationals. None are fit for purpose.

Please: write to your MP (50 MPs already support cleaners & condemn the intimidation by Cleaning Contractors), GLA member, Mayor & Prime Minister.

Donate to the Cleaners Hardship fund -

Cheques can be made out to Finsbury Park RMT and sent c/o Olly New, RMT, 39 Chalton Street NW1 1JD.

