

No to the Subminimum Wage!



Związek Syndykalistów Polski (Union of Syndicalists) is protesting against the use of „trash contracts” when workers should be on a normal work contract. Unfortunately, it turns out that **we are all paying for the creation of crap jobs which don't even pay minimum wage** and we will be playing for this practice for many years to come.

The city of Warsaw, as well as other cities, have decided to cut costs on public employment at the expense of different types of workers (but not touching the jobs of bureaucrats and overpaid public officials). There are people working in public places, in municipal offices, etc., whose work has been outsourced. The city sometimes even pays good rates for this work, but most of the money go into the pockets of the owners of these private firms and sometimes workers receive much less than they should.

One example is the Impuls Agency, which pays people 3.5 zloties per hour (80 euro cents) and often pays this months late or not at all. This is about one third of the legal minimum wage in Poland.

We don't want trash jobs to be create with public money. A guarantee of the correct work contract and a normal wage should be a condition for winning a public tender. Związek Syndykalistów Polski will campaign to introduce such conditions which would support the creation of more stable work and normal wages.

Many workers from Impuls have to work 250 or more hours a month to earn just 200 euros. And this is without any social security payments. How can anybody live on that?

The answer is that they can't. There are people among the current and former workers at Impuls that are threatened with eviction, who have debts they cannot pay. Trash contracts and subminimum wages mean a growth in povery amongst working people. It means more people who need social housing, fewer people paying into the social security system, and more people condemned to low pensions who will be dependent on social help. In short, we are paying for the private profit of subcontracting firms and later we will have to pay to help the workers who didn't even earn a minimum wage.

STOP EXPLOITING WORKERS ON PUBLIC MONEY!

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