

Stand **together**

“ We have more in common than that which divides us. That message defines our union. We are united in UNISON. Bound together by the shared belief that there is a better way, a fairer society.”

Dave Prentis



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When times are tough we need good local public services more than ever.

They help people back into work, help give our children the best start in life and help care for our sick and elderly.

People have come from all over the world to help deliver public services to all of us and they have made

the UK their home. Our world-class public services are there for everyone.

And we rely on people of all different races, religion and backgrounds to deliver them.

Public services help support our communities. So we must stand together, opposing cuts and opposing racists who

want to use fear to set us against each other.

Low wages, workplace exploitation and spending cuts are not inevitable and not caused by migrant workers – they are a choice by the Westminster government.

Say ‘No’ to Scapegoating

The idea of a scapegoat is very old. It means deliberately giving something or someone the blame, to let off the real culprit. When you find times hard under a Tory Government, don't be persuaded into blaming workers from other countries. The real answers lie closer to home.

- **the real culprits are those who exploit people for low wages**

- **immigrants are blamed for not learning the language while the government has slashed funding for language provision**

- **when it comes to the workplace, we really have ‘more in common’ with our colleagues than with those who seek to divide us.**

Public services and immigration

Cuts to public services are unfair and hit the most vulnerable the hardest. Yes, a sense of injustice will rise as Government budget cuts and pay freezes start to bite – that is totally understandable, but it is not the fault of ordinary people. Like other working people, migrant workers pay taxes and many keep public services running.

UNISON believes the real answer is to invest in our communities, act against low pay and workplace exploitation – make our country fairer for all.

This includes giving greater resources to poorer areas who are badly equipped to deal with problems including social housing and high levels of unemployment.



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