

Low Pay Britain: furlough cliff edge will kill off recovery



Post pandemic, UK needs stronger and better rights at work and a proper industrial plan for jobs and investment

GMB, Britain's general union, has responded to the [Resolution Foundation's 'Low Pay Britain' report](#), which shows low-paid workers have been worst affected by the pandemic.

Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:

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“It’s just wrong that carers are paid less than £10 an hour, and millions in the so-called gig economy don’t even have basic employment rights, never mind decent pay.

“A furlough cliff-edge will also exacerbate pay inequality, increase unemployment, and damage the credibility of the Government’s ‘levelling-up’ agenda – killing off a recovery before the country gets back on its feet.

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“The scale of the challenge is enormous but it’s one we must rise to meet. We need proper value for our key workers, stronger and better rights at work, and a proper industrial plan for jobs and investment in our forgotten communities.

“GMB will certainly be organising and campaigning to achieve this.”

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