

Glasgow Apple workers sign union deal in UK first



Building on their historic trade union recognition ballot (see Notes to Editors), Apple retail workers in Glasgow have today (Wednesday 8 February) hailed the signing of a collective agreement with the global tech giant.

In another first for Apple workers across the UK, staff in the city's Buchanan Street store will now be able to elect workplace representatives to bargain and consult with the employer on issues including pay distribution, working time arrangements and holiday entitlements.

John Slaven, GMB Scotland Organiser, said:



“The collective agreement is the first of its kind in Apple’s UK operations and the workers’ determination to campaign and organise for bargaining rights with their employer is a shining example to the rest of the country, and the world.

“We must also acknowledge and welcome Apple’s decision to engage openly with its workers and our union, both in the pursuit of recognition last year, and now as signatories to the Buchanan Street store’s agreement.

“GMB is proud to give these workers a banner to organise under and we look forward to the continuation of participative and positive industrial relations with Apple as we make work better for our members in Glasgow.”

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