

Ikea re-commits Living Wage Foundation pay in big win for GMB



Swedish giant reinstates rate from May 1 – International Workers' Day – after pressure from GMB Union

Ikea workers are celebrating today [Saturday May 1, 2021] after the company agreed to re-commit to paying workers at least the Living Wage Foundation rate.

The Swedish home furnishings giant had come under fire in November after **refusing to honour** the 20 pence per hour increase announced by the Living Wage Foundation, (LWF) while still displaying a Living Wage Employer plaque on sites.



GMB **raised Ikea's non-compliance** directly with the foundation, and after a series of discussions Ikea bosses have now agreed uplifting staff pay to at least £10.85 in London and £9.50 across the rest of the UK in time for the LWF's implementation deadline on May 1.

The LWF rate is independently calculated to reflect a Minimum Income Standard and is voluntarily paid by more than 7,000 UK employers.

David Shamma, GMB regional organiser said:

"This is a real win for all Ikea staff on International Workers' Day – they will really feel the difference in their pockets after May 1.

"We want to thank Ikea for recommitting to the rate, after a little wobble earlier this year.

"This is real evidence of changes GMB membership can make in the workplace.

"With dark economic clouds circling, there's never been a better time to join a union."

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