

Key Worker Status for Library Workers

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High Skills. Low Pay.

Campaign for a living income for library workers.

Over the last decade the plight of all library workers has become one of high skills and low pay. Library workers have always been badly paid.

Yet library workers do an essential job within the community, which is complimentary to that which is performed by those who work in education.

Yet library workers earn on average Much LESS than education workers, and are not even classed as key workers!

Even within the public authorities (local councils) in which library workers serve, they are on lower grades and undertake higher responsibilities than those who work within other departments of the same employer.

Unless this situation changes within the next few years, then there will be a major deskilling of library workers, as very few people will be willing to take up this underpaid work.

This will be to the greater detriment of all those who use libraries and public information services!

In order to address these problems, we call for the following changes to be made.

- A. That all Library Workers be immediately classified as Key Workers
- B. That all Library Workers should be upgraded in parity with that of other public authorities (local council) workers.
- C. That an immediate upping of all Library Worker career grades be implemented.