



WHAT NO SWEAT WANT

No Sweat, like most people, like cheap clothes. We don't believe in boycotts as ordinary people in the UK shouldn't have to pay more for clothes. We want **Primark's profiteering bosses** to pay decent wages and stop exploiting workers by cutting their mega profits rather than pass increased production costs onto cash-strapped customers.

We are here to tell Primark to guarantee that:

- ☺ **All workers in its suppliers have safe and decent working conditions**
- ☺ **All contracted or directly employed workers earn a living wage**
- ☺ **All its workers have the right to join and organise independent unions**

Wage Facts (per hour)

Bangladeshi living wage: 30p
 Average Garment Worker Wage: 7p
 Living wage in London: £7.50
 Average Primark worker wage: £6-7

	UK	Bangladesh
Avg Working Hours	35	80

Primark Facts

Managing Director: Arthur Ryan
 Stores: 181
 Employees: 27,500
 Sales (2007/08): £1.9 billion
 Profit (2007/08): £233 million
 Source: Associated British Foods Plc

Primark Sweatshops: on your doorstep

Primark bought garments from factories that paid UK workers for as little as £3.50 per hour working up to 12 hour days. Evidence has been gained in an undercover investigation in Manchester. Previously Primark has been found employing child labour in India but has reached a new low by employing illegal workers, with poor working conditions in the UK. Primark's website states the company provides ethical working conditions, but these claims seem to be unfounded. The UK legal minimum wage must be paid at £5.73 per hour, the secret footage documents workers being offered £3.50 per hour for their services. In addition to tawdry wages workers faced unsafe and unsanitary working conditions, including a lack of any heating—Source BBC News January 2009

PRIMARK

Our ethics

What Primark Say	What No Sweat Say
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment is freely chosen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>By those who are poor, vulnerable and/or desperate</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining are respected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If you organise or complain, expect a termination of employment or physical intimidation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working conditions are safe and hygienic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Apart from recent deaths caused by factory fires and collapses</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child labour shall not be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Except in India</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living wages are paid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unless you work in our UK or Asian supply garment factories, or you are sales assistant!</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working hours are not excessive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>12 hour days are not uncommon. Don't expect to see your family.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discrimination is practiced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unless you are a woman or poor.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular employment is provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No time off – bereavement & childcare are not for you.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No harsh or inhumane treatment is allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Except if at work you need to go toilet, or want maternity or sick leave</i>



Our Primark campaign is in solidarity with Bangladeshi National Garment Workers Federation To find out more contact admin@nosweat.org.uk and visit our website www.nosweat.org.uk