

The well-known slogan "Workers of the world unite" means what it says. It does not mean "Only workers with the correct immigration status unite."

**Sponsor and attend a
TRADE UNION
CONFERENCE AGAINST
IMMIGRATION CONTROLS**

Saturday 31 March 2007 (new date!)

1—5.30pm, refreshments from noon

Asylum Link, St Annes Church, Overbury St, Liverpool 7

Speakers:

- **Justice for Cleaners:** how the TGWU are recruiting migrant workers
- **Bolton Unison:** supporting social workers in defying asylum legislation
- **GMB Wessex:** how migrant workers formed their own branch

Trade unionists regularly oppose detentions and deportations. However fighting immigration controls is not charity. Controls weaken the labour movement itself.

- They split workers between "legal"/"illegal", undermining wages/conditions
- They criminalise bosses for hiring undocumented workers and turn employers into Home Office spies. They bring controls into the workplace - encouraging immigration service raids
- They turn trade unionists into immigration officers demanding the status of other workers. This happens at recruitment but goes further. Most welfare — housing, hospital treatment, non contributory benefits — is linked to immigration status. So workers within local authorities, the NHS and benefit agencies must check immigration documents.

No One Is Illegal is a group of trade unionists long active in anti-deportation campaigns. We have produced with trade unions the pamphlet *Workers Control Not Immigration Controls*.

We also encourage debate on: •amnesty proposals• why unions should recruit the undocumented • how the undocumented include more than refugees• what absence of controls would mean.

We ask unions to sponsor (give their name to) the conference. Admission/ sponsorship free ,donations welcome (cheques to No One Is illegal). *Workers Control Not Immigration Controls* can be obtained by donation (or downloaded at www.noii.org.uk).

Initial sponsors

Trades Councils: Tameside, Oxford, Bury, Waltham Forest, Oldham, Chorley and District, Greater Manchester Association. Union branches: Bolton NUT, Bolton Unison, GMB Central London, Unison Manchester Community and Mental Health, TGWU 6/389

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