



Birmingham Bin Strike briefing

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Dispute timeline





Dispute in numbers

- Length of dispute: 5 months
- Number of weeks of all out strike: 10
- Number of workers involved: 350
- Number of sites: 3
- Amount of money workers set to lose: c.£8,000 a year (c.£650 a month)
- Birmingham City council debt (owned by central Government): £3.9 billion

Megapicket- 9 May

- 22 national trade unions, local Birmingham unions and community groups supported.
- 500+ there, plus another 80 odd strikers.
- Site shut by employer, low police presence
- Mobilisation from Birmingham, Bristol, Gloucester, Leeds, London (coach), Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Somerset, Bristol, Oxford (minibus) + more.
- Working with all revolutionary left groups to mobilise.
- Combination of trade union GS, local famous people, and workers (striking workers) as speakers



Unions form 'megapicket' at bin strike depot



Union members have travelled from around the country to stand in solidarity with the city's refuse workers

Resources

- Videos of strikers and from the Megapicket [here](#)
- [Photos](#) you can use (credit Strike Map)
- Articles
 - [Strike story from anon striker](#)
 - [Picketline visit #1](#)
 - [Megapicket](#)



"...all around the country who have supported us."


Actions you can take

- [Write](#) to the Scab agency Job&Talent
- [Write](#) to Birmingham City Council
- [Send](#) a postcard to council Leader John Cotton
- [Sign](#) the petition.
- Organise a local solidarity meeting, inviting striking workers from Brum (include collection as part of meeting)

Bin The Scabs!

SOLIDARITY

WITH THE BIRMINGHAM BIN WORKERS



STRIKE MAP

STOP SCABBING JOBS & TALENT AGENCY