

Why Labour should back these protests

I'm Abel, I'm 19, from Newcastle and I work as a catering assistant in a hospital where we produce about 700 patient meals per mealtime.

Recently people have been working under more dangerous and difficult conditions. And over the last ten years prices have been going up but wages haven't. And then we get a clap and all this public praise, but no pay rise – it's shocking.

This movement shows the potential that people have, when they just come together and talk about something they want to change. I think people are realising how strong we can be.

I think it's important that Unison, the biggest health union, gets on board.

Labour have been a part of the public praise for health workers. But we want to see something concrete for it. I'd recommend that Labour Party members join these demonstrations and listen to health workers' demands. As a Labour member, it's demoralising only to think about politics at election time. With workers getting organised as we are, we can win things in between elections too and Labour should support that.

This is just a beginning. There are lots of young people working in catering, hospitality, and elsewhere, who deserve big pay increases as well. Young people should be taking the energy they've shown in climate protests and the Black Lives Matter movement into the workplace. Young Labour should be helping with that: that's what Young Labour Internationalists are trying to do.

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We hold meetings every Friday at 6pm: details at momentuminternationalists.org

Tuesday 15 September we will be holding a special meeting with Edd Mustill, NHS worker, GMB rep and protest organiser: bit.ly/nhspay15

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The Labour Party is the party of the workers' movement. But so far the party leadership has been missing in action in the campaign for a pay rise for NHS staff.

Our MPs could be making a noise about this movement in parliament and in the press. Many young Labour members (like Abel, overleaf) and our friends work in the NHS. Labour should be activating its members.

We are bringing motions to Labour Party meetings, bringing party members into this movement, and sending a petition to Keir Starmer to get him to take this movement seriously. If you want to get involved, please join us!

National Zoom Meeting: Tuesday 15 September 6-7pm: bit.ly/nhspay15

Speaker: Edd Mustill, hospital worker, GMB rep and protest organiser (pc)

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