

# Fight the Remploy Closures

## Meeting

Thursday 19 April  
7.30pm  
University of London Union  
Malet Street  
London WC1E 7HY

Disabled access via Malet street entrance. Adapted toilet on second floor. Disabled accessible lift.

## Speakers

John McDonnell MP  
Les Woodward GMB  
National Convenor of  
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Gail Cartmail Unite  
Assistant General  
Secretary

Rob Murthwaite Disabled  
People Against Cuts

The announcement by Maria Miller, Tory Secretary for Work and Pensions, that she would close 54 Remploy factories in a two phase attack on disabled people must be fought and challenged by the whole of the Trade Union, Labour and Disability movement.

This attack is a despicable act of barbarism and nasty vindictiveness against the company and its employees.

What this act of barbarism will achieve, however, will be misery, poverty and a very early grave for the vast majority of Remploy workers. Workers who will be paying the ultimate price with their jobs for the economic crisis that they had no part in causing nor benefited from, unlike the multi millionaire bankers and the very good multi millionaire friends in the Cabinet who are doing very nicely, thank you very much out of this crisis.

Tory ministers claim Remploy factories are inefficient but fail to mention they handed out £1.8

million in bonuses to Remploy bosses who have deliberately run down the company in order to ease the way for closure of the factories.

With 6 people chasing every job vacancy in Britain, it is transparently dishonest of the Tories to say the closures are part of a plan to get disabled people into other workplaces. Of the workers made redundant in the round of closures in 2007 only 6% have found alternative employment.

Instead of slashing jobs and wrecking lives the government should invest and give disabled workers the power to make Remploy the workplace they want.

This is an attack that can be stopped. When construction bosses tried to cut pay for electricians by 35% they fought back and won against huge firms like Balfour Beatty. Remploy workers can win too, but like the 'sparks' they will need solidarity from the movement to support their struggle. Please come to this meeting and show your support.

**Remploy Workers will not go quietly into the night, we will not go quietly anywhere!**

**Remploy factories are not for closure and not for sale at any price!**

