

# Reaching young workers: WorkSmart

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# There's loads of great work going on

#### McDonald's workers to go on strike in Britain for first time

Staff in Cambridge and Crayford branches to protest over low wages and zerohours contracts in action backed by Corbyn



Sports Direct's 'Dickensian' working practices will spread exploitation in the **UK, Unite says** 

Workers are so afraid to take time off that one woman gave birth in the toilet in 2014, Unite said





Uber should lose its licence if it doesn't improve workers' rights, say drivers

finicab and black-cab drivers join GMB union in urging Transport for London to



#### **UNISON** legal victory sees employment tribunal fees scrapped

Supreme Court verdict follows four-year fight by union and is a victory for everyone in work





Royal Mail workers vote for industrial action

Majority of Communication Workers Union members back first strike since the company was privatised four years ago



Airline's agreement with Balpa follows years of hostility towards McDonald's has been one of the biggest users of zer organised labour

pilots' union





#### We started with a year of research

- Desk research policy, demographics, attitudes
- 100's of WhatsApp diaries both conversations and videos
- Interviews with more than 100 young workers in 6 locations around the UK
- Workshops with young workers
- Ongoing web engagement with young workers through the project
- A series of workshops attended by staff from 20+ affiliates
- Interviews with key union stakeholders

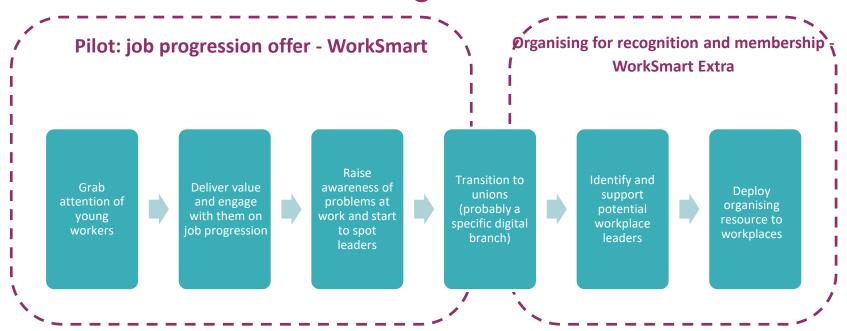


### Research findings

- 4 barriers
  - Attitudes to unions
  - Low expectations
  - Low levels of trust
  - Futility
- Needs
- There's no silver bullet



#### What we are testing





#### WorkSmart – more info

- A digital offer, supported by 1-to-1 engagement
- About getting on in life and at work
  - Build better relationships
  - Know your rights at work
  - Progress at work
  - Learning and skills
- Bitesize, fun, social, action-orientated
- Walks young workers towards union membership WorkSmart Extra



#### Getting users into unions – WorkSmart Extra

- Co-designing with unions, we will:
  - find young workers we don't reach now
  - warm them up to unions
  - segment by industry, employer etc.
  - invite them to join a union through WorkSmart Extra
- Idea: "walled garden" digital branches inside unions





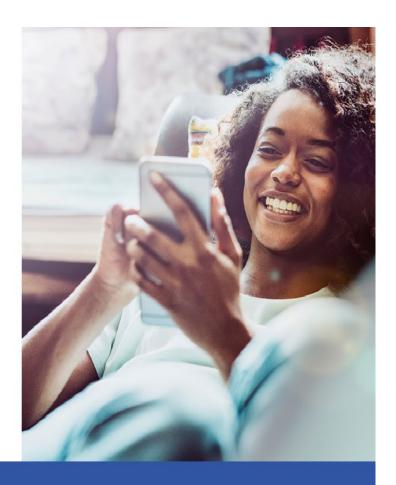
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# The pilot, Jun 2018-Feb 2019

- 1,000 young workers
- All about the learning, not the volume
- Proof of concept can it work?



#### Over to you

Any questions about WorkSmart or reaching younger workers?

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