

**TUC**

**YOUNG**

**WORKERS**

**MONTH**


**November 2015**

This year Young Workers Month coincides with the Trade Union Bill entering its final stages in the House of Commons.

Young workers are among those most likely to be doing difficult and exploitative work. The Trade Union Bill threatens their ability to improve their terms and conditions by undermining their right to strike.

**“Striking is a last resort but it is a fundamental human right. Protecting it should be a priority for everyone, regardless of whether they’re in a trade union or not.”**

FERN MCCAFFERY (GMB) CHAIR  
OF THE TUC YOUNG WORKERS FORUM

Here’s what a group of young workers have to say about the importance of protecting their right to strike 



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**“The right to strike gives us the negotiating power with management to get a fairer deal for everyone.”**

**ALICE FINDEN (UNITE)  
HOUSING CHARITY WORKER**



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**“You don’t have  
to put up with it.  
You have a right to  
protect yourself and  
ask for what you  
need to survive.”**

**DAISY BATA (BECTU) RITZY  
LIVING WAGE CAMPAIGNER**



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**“The TU Bill is a serious threat to young workers. We could lose hard-won rights. The women at Ford wouldn’t have achieved equal pay without the right to strike.”**

**DAN LEWIS (CWU) TUC CONGRESS  
YOUTH AWARD WINNER**



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**“It’s so important that we have the right to strike. Everyone should have the right to stand up and have their voice heard.”**

**EMMA POLLEY (FBU) ESSEX FIRE  
AND RESCUE SERVICE**



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