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Strike action to escalate at ISS

Members working for outsourced company ISS at three government departments plan to take a further 36 days of action in their dispute.

PCS members working for outsourced company ISS provide cleaning, security and support services at The Department for Business and Trade, The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology in London. Strike action impacts those departments and the staff who work there.

The members are in dispute over pay, terms and conditions and are demanding recognition of PCS as their trade union. ISS have made a pay offer of just 2.2%, well below the current rate of inflation.

The low-paid workers have already taken ten days of well-supported strike action in September and October. The **36-day strike will start on 1 November and continue until 15 December** and comes because of the employer's failure to enter into meaningful negotiations.

PCS industrial officer Kim Lowes said "Escalating the dispute and taking this amount of strike action was not an easy decision but members want to make it clear to ISS that the current offer is simply not enough.

"PCS will also be embarking on a re-ballot of ISS members in this dispute, with members and reps making it clear that they are not going away. Support remains high amongst the membership, If ISS don't pay up then this dispute could continue into 2024."

How you can help

You can donate to the ISS strike fund using account number 2033149 sort code: 60-83-01, account name PCS Fighting Fund Levy (please use ISS as the reference).

Look out for details of picket lines to be published soon.