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# Strike ballot opens this week in National Museums Liverpool

A strike ballot opens tomorrow (3 January) in the National Museums Liverpool as the employer continues to withhold the £1,500 cost-of-living crisis payment.

PCS members at the National Museums Liverpool (NML) [will be balloted for strike action](#) this month from 3-31 January as the employer has not yet paid staff a £1,500 one-off cost-of-living payment.

NML is the only employer out of over 200 covered by the civil service pay remit guidance to withhold this cost-of-living payment.

The £1,500 payment, which the government was forced to make retrospectively as part of the pay offer for 2022/23, came as a result of this national campaign, which also doubled the original 2023/24 pay offer to at least 4.5%.

But NML is yet to pay the £1,500 payment to its staff, who are among the lowest paid workers in the civil service and public sector and have been at the sharp end of the cost-of living crisis.

Throughout 2023, many employers, including the Welsh National Library and Museums and the British Museum, threatened to withhold this payment, but quickly changed their minds after strike action was on the cards.

PCS is balloting all members at NML from 3-31 January on their willingness to take further targeted action. And we want all members to vote yes to secure this essential payment to all staff.

Our members at NML deserve the same pay rise as their colleagues across the UK and, as they vividly demonstrated in 2023, will not shy away from taking action if their bosses don't do the decent thing and pay up.

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