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Support our Facilities Management staff on the picket lines

Further strike action starts next week as PCS members working on outsourced contracts with G4S, ISS and OCS walk out in their dispute over pay, terms and conditions.

From Monday 28 October, PCS members working for G4S and ISS will begin strike action for two weeks at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the Department for Business and Trade, the Department for Science Innovation and Technology, and the Cabinet Office.

From Tuesday 29th October PCS members working for OCS at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office will commence a further 15 days of action, scheduled to run right through November in a further escalation to their dispute.

The facilities management workers cover vital roles as security officers, receptionists, cleaners, caterers and porters. While Labour's manifesto promised the 'biggest wave of insourcing in a generation', these workers are yet to see pay and conditions equivalent to their colleagues on civil service contracts.

OCS, G4S and ISS have proved completely uninterested in the wellbeing of their staff or in constructive conversations about working conditions. They rake in profits while workers get minimal annual leave and no entitlement to sick pay.

Support your nearest picket line

In East Kilbride, at the FCDO, picket lines will be 7.30am to 10am on Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November and then Monday 4 to Friday 8 November (G4S workers throughout, OCS workers Tuesdays to Thursdays). The OCS members have already taken 13 days of action and grow more committed the more managers try to ignore them.

In London, picket lines are on Monday 28 to Thursday 31 October and Monday 4 to Thursday 7 November. Pickets and times will be:

- 22 Whitehall, SW1A 2EG from 8am to 10am (ISS and G4S)
- 70 Whitehall, SW1A 2AS from 7.30am to 10am (G4S)
- 10 South Colonnade, E14 5EA from 8am to 10am (G4S)
- 10 Victoria Street, SW1H 0NB from 8am to 10am (ISS and G4S)
- Old Admiralty Buildings, SW1A 2EG from 8am to 10am (ISS and G4S)

Please send messages of solidarity to laurab@pcs.org.uk.