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Historical Billingsgate Fish Market

Billingsgate Market in London's East End is an historic fish market whose history can be traced back to 1327.

But the market and all its history is now under threat. The workers who embody the heritage of the market are now fighting to protect their jobs as the wealthy owners, The Corporation of London, has announced it plans to change the way the market is run.

Every year some 25,000 tonnes of fish are sold at Billingsgate Market which generates around £200 million in revenue.

The fish porters in the market are highly trained and licensed to transport the fish across the market. The work they do makes possible the smooth running of this busy and successful market. Many of the porters are local people and have worked in the market for many decades. There is a strong connection with the local community and Billingsgate Market.

Now the managers of the market, The Corporation of London is attacking the workers at the market. They want to revoke the laws which govern the running of Billingsgate and this will damage how the market functions, ruin Billingsgate and destroy an important part of London's heritage. If the Corporation get their way the fish porters will become unlicensed and the professionalism of the market will be lost.

These workers contribute to the wealth and well-being of London. There is absolutely no reason to change now what has worked for centuries.

Unite is urging the Corporation to think again. Don't let dogma destroy London.

Join our campaign to save Billingsgate Market. You can sign the petition against the attack on the portering staff and send a copy of our model letter to The Corporation of London to oppose the changes and stop the ripping apart of years of London's heritage.

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