

UK workers want fair access to UK construction projects

Unite is fighting for a fairer deal for workers on UK construction contracts. We are concerned that some employers are excluding UK workers from even applying for work on UK construction projects.

For example, at Staythorpe power station in Nottinghamshire, Alstom has subcontracted two overseas companies to carry out construction work on the site who have not employed any local UK labour. Alstom, as the main contractor, has announced they intend to fly in 250 Polish construction workers to work on site. A similar situation exists at the Isle of Grain in Kent. To date, not one of the UK applicants, who are qualified for the work, has been successful in obtaining a job.

Although a deal has been reached at Lindsey oil refinery, offering more than 100 new jobs for UK workers, the fight for fair access continues at Staythorpe, the Isle of Grain and elsewhere.

The Lindsey agreement must apply to all UK construction contracts.

The UK needs to build new power stations. This brings huge opportunities to create thousands of well paid, highly skilled jobs. It will be a disgrace if UK workers are not even allowed to apply for jobs to build British power stations.

All skilled UK workers are asking for is fair access to jobs - and to ensure that overseas workers in this country are protected.

The best way to do this is to ensure that UK workers and their unions work side by side with overseas workers.

Please support our campaign.

You can help by signing our petition at unitetheunion.com. Ask friends and family to do the same. Thank you.

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