

REMPLOY PETITION GOES TO No. 10

On Sunday 6 November, members of GMB MK City Branch and supporters from MK Trades Council welcomed Laurie, who was cycling from Burnley to London to hand in a petition to No 10 Downing Street. Laurie and his support Team had left Burnley on 4 November and were passing through Milton Keynes on their way to London, arriving in Downing Street on Monday 7 November.

The petition, signed by over 100,000 people, calls on David Cameron to stop the closure of Remploy Factories and the privatisation of Remploy Employment Services.

Remploy is the largest and the oldest employer of disabled people in Britain.

All 54 Remploy factories across the UK are facing closure when current public funding runs out in April 2013. If these Government plans go ahead 4,000 workers will lose their jobs.

This Government action on Remploy appears to be yet another attack on disabled and other vulnerable members of our society.

The Milton Keynes trade unionists wished Laurie a safe journey to London and success in their struggle against the Coalition Government's destructive plans.

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