

# END EAST END SWEATSHOPS CAMPAIGN



**Over 340 companies in the East End of London employ nearly 5,000 local people producing clothing for high street shops and local street market traders.**

Often these workers are afraid of joining trade unions, are made to work very long hours in the factory or at home, don't know how much they will be paid week to week and suffer the threat of serious injury or bad health because of their working conditions. Many work in classic 'sweatshop' conditions found in many other parts of the world.

The **GMB trade union** and **No Sweat** has teamed up with local people in the East End to campaign to put an end to sweatshop conditions in local factories. The campaign will be aimed at organising workers into a trade union, where we can, and raising awareness among local people, politicians and the press of the conditions suffered by our neighbours in the East End.

If you work in a local workplace and want to tell us about your working conditions, please fill in the form overleaf and send it back to us at the following address:

**GMB Union**  
**152 Brent Street**  
**London**  
**NW4**

Alternatively give it to one of our campaigners, or drop it into the GMB East London office at:

**604 Green Lane**  
**Ilford**  
**Essex**  
**IG3 95Q**

If you want to help the campaign, please distribute this leaflet on your estate, where you work or at your college or school. Ask anyone you know who works in the clothing factories to fill in the form on the other side and get it back to the **GMB union** or **No Sweat**. We will use this information to help us target our campaigning on the worst workplaces locally.

We will be holding regular meetings in East London to discuss the campaign and agree what action to take. To find out about the date and time of the next organising meeting, call **Martin Smith** at the **GMB** on **0208 202 8272**, or **Mick Duncan** on **0790 4431959**.

**FILL IN THE FORM OVERLEAF**

Please tell us about your job and where you work. We will use this information to campaign for better conditions where you work:

How many hours you work a week?	<input type="text"/>
Do you work days or nights?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
How much are you paid each week?	£ <input type="text"/>
What is the name of the company you work for?	<input type="text"/>
What is the address of the company you work for?	<input type="text"/>
	Postcode: <input type="text"/>
What type of work do you do?	<input type="text"/>
Which companies give your employer contracts for producing clothes?	<input type="text"/>
What three things would you change about your workplace?	<input type="text"/>

If you want us to contact you to get more information, please give us your name, address and phone number below:

Surname	<input type="text"/>	First name	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text" value="Mrs/Miss/Ms/Mr"/>	Date of birth	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Home Address	<input type="text"/>	Home tel.	<input type="text"/>
	Postcode: <input type="text"/>		

We guarantee not to pass any information you give us on to anyone else and only to use it to make sure people are aware of the kind of working conditions you face.

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You can contact us confidentially on **0800 731815**

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