

● NO SACKINGS ● NO DEPORTATIONS! ● DEFEND OUR MEMBERS' RIGHT TO STAY

As many as 65 to 70 of our workmates, most of them RMT members, are at risk of losing their jobs on London Underground and being deported or forced to leave the country. This is a consequence of the Labour government's changes to visa sponsorship rules which have moved their roles into a different category.

Until now Transport for London has sponsored visas for workers in roles such as CSA2.

But as the Labour government panders to Nigel Farage and the anti-immigration lobby, sponsorship no longer applies as they have been removed from the Temporary Shortage List owing to their jobs being categorised as "medium-skilled".

To continue sponsoring visas for our members under threat, the government's Migration Advisory Committee would have to issue a specific exemption to allow TfL do so. Without this there would be no right to remain in the country.

We demand that the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, intervene with the Labour government in his role as our employer, and demand that the future employment and residency status of our members is protected.

London Transport in all its historical guises (LT, London Underground, TfL, etc) has always relied heavily on migrant labour.

From the Irish who dominated the building of the first Tube lines to the

post-Windrush generation who staffed the job when it was a much less desirable place to work, through to the current workforce on stations, trains, catering, cleaning and much more, migrant labour has been a significant contributor to running London.

In 2022, to great fanfare and much mutual backslapping, TfL's

transport museum curated an exhibition honouring the role of those pioneers, and to this day proclaims loudly its commitment to anti-racism and equality.

This is meaningless if our members, our workmates, are being sacked and face deportation.

RMT will not stand idly by while our members are under threat.

We will be taking our political campaign directly to the Mayor and the government, and if necessary will take industrial action to support our workmates.



Lobby the London Mayor

We call on RMT members and supporters to send a message to the GLA, the Mayor and the Labour government. Bring your banners and flags, and join the lobby:

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 8.30am, City Hall, Royal Docks, E16 1ZE.

Nearest stations:

Canning Town and Royal Victoria.

Called by RMT London Transport Regional Council. For more info contact Ross Marshall, LTRC secretary: 07932 576 955 and Rhys Harmer, LTRC president: 07387 586 051Y