SIMON JONES - KILLED BY CASUALISATION

On 24th April 24 1998, 24 year old Simon Jones went to work for employment agency, Personnel Selection. He was sent by them to work inside the hold of a ship at a south coast dock owned by Euromin, a highly dangerous and skilled job for which he had no training or experience. WITHIN TWO HOURS OF STARTING WORK SIMON WAS DEAD, HIS HEAD CRUSHED BY A CRANE GRAB.

Since Simon's death, The Simon Jones Memorial Campaign has been fighting for justice for Simon - and to expose the human cost of an increasingly casualised economy. Last September, on what would have been Simon's 25th birthday, we occupied the dock where Simon was killed, shutting it for the day and forcing the casual workers there to be sent home on full pay. A few days later we occupied the Brighton offices of Personnel Selection, shutting it for the day. Despite the attention our actions received, we have met with a blanket refusal from the government to take action against those responsible for Simon's death. So we've taken action against the government.

- THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY has point blank refused to prosecute Personnel Selection despite their blatant disregard of safety laws for casual workers. Earlier this year we occupied the DTI headquarters in London to show whose side this government are on when it comes to rip-off employers endangering the lives of their workers.
- THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE are supposed to ensure safety for people at work in fact they are content to see 19 out of 20 serious injuries at work go completely uninvestigated. They are so crap that the workplace is by far the easiest place to kill someone and get away with it as Simon's death has shown so clearly. Despite Euromin blatantly and repeatedly breaking health and safety laws the HSE have taken no action against them. In March we blocked Southwark Bridge, outside the HSE headquarters, for an hour, forcing its director to come and speak to Simon's family. She told them action was 'imminent' but they haven't taken any.
- THE CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE have refused to prosecute Euromin or JAMES MARTELL - Euromin's obnoxious, money-grabbing manager and the man most directly responsible for Simon's death - for corporate manslaughter despite overwhelming evidence of their responsibility. So far we have written lots of letter to the CPS without any success.

The Simon Jones Memorial Campaign is here today because we recognise that Simon's death was no one off. People like Simon get killed all the time because businesses place the value of money over the value of life and are happy to make dirty money out of the blood and sweat of their workers - and governments let them get away with it. Globalisation, casualisation, it's all the same thing - more profits for unaccountable companies, more crap for the rest of us. Today we're here to say loud and clear that putting profits before people is wrong - that in the world we want to live in it will be the other way about.

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