

CASUALISATION KILLS

Today, the Simon Jones Memorial Campaign is paying a visit to Personnel Selection, the employment agency that sent Simon Jones to his death in 1998. They sent Simon to work unloading cargo from inside a ship despite knowing that he had no experience of this dangerous, skilled work.

Employment agencies have a legal duty to ensure that the work they send people to is safe for them to do and to provide their employees with written terms and conditions detailing the sort of work they will be expected to do. Personnel Selection did neither for Simon.

Despite this, the government refuses to prosecute Personnel Selection for its crimes. In fact, this government is encouraging the growth of a massive casual labour economy, where millions of people are forced into crap jobs with no job security, holiday pay, sick pay or training and poorer safety at work.

Employment agencies feed off casualisation - they take half your wages and don't even make sure that the jobs they send you to are safe. These agencies and the dodgy companies that use them - like Euromin, the owners of the dock where Simon was killed - are more interested in making fat profits than safeguarding the safety of the people they employ. They put profits before people. We think it should be the other way around.

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