

National Social Work Vocational Group  
IMPACT Head Office,  
Nerney's Court,  
Dublin 1

22/07/2014

**Re: Current Strike Action and Lockout**

Dear Greyhound workers,

I am writing to you as the current chairperson of the National Social Work Vocational Group.

I am contacting you in solidarity as you enter your six week of strike action from the ongoing lockout Greyhound Waste has forced upon you.

As social workers, whose values are based on fighting for social justice and human rights, we stand in full support of you as you continue to fight for your right to a decent wage and terms and conditions of work.

We condemn the actions of the Greyhound Waste Company in this issue. Their treatment of workers has been grossly unjust and requires immediate and swift intervention by the government. The use of strikebreakers<sup>1</sup> and the sending of disingenuous letters by Greyhound Waste Company to their customers<sup>2</sup> about the ongoing strike are particularly worrisome. The company's actions in this affair show how much of a failure the privatisation of our public waste services have been and show how imperative it is, at the very least, for this whole area to be regulated.

We join with others in calling for you to be allowed return to work under your existing terms and conditions of employment while talks on changes at the company are underway.

Best,

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.siptu.ie/media/pressreleases2014/othernews/fullstory\\_18365\\_en.html](http://www.siptu.ie/media/pressreleases2014/othernews/fullstory_18365_en.html)

<sup>2</sup> Correspondence received by Greyhound customer on 17/02/2014 in which Greyhound blames "SIPTU picketers" for the delayed collection that day.