

Green Party to put workers back in control with launch of Workers Charter of fundamental rights

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Green leader Zack Polanski to launch the new charter at May Day Rally in Manchester today.

The Green Party has today launched a Workers Charter to ‘rebalance’ the relationship between workers and employers, and to put people before profit.

The Greens would introduce a new Employment Rights Act, including key rights Labour watered down after pressure from lobbyists. These include:

- Day-one rights on unfair dismissal
- Sectoral bargaining
- Full bans on fire-and-rehire and zero-hours contracts
- A pay guarantee, with a £15 minimum wage for all ages

All anti-union and anti-strike laws introduced since 1979 would be scrapped, to ensure strong legal rights to strike, picket, protest and partake in solidarity action.

Green Party leader Zack Polanski, launching the charter, said:

“The reforms introduced by Margaret Thatcher nearly half a century ago began the long march downwards in the balance of power and wealth in our country – from those who produce and do the work to those who profit from it. Successive governments have continued this, and the current Labour government’s measures on workers’ rights, while an improvement, are weak and have been watered down after pressure from corporate lobbyists. The Greens are the new workers’ party, and we will address the massive imbalance in our workplaces and give control back to workers.”

The full Workers Charter can be found [here](#).

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