



# Retailers treat staff like dummies

Retail workers get some of the worst conditions and lowest pay around – if it is handed out at all. At lingerie shop La Senza, the company owed staff unpaid wages and redundancy money following the closure of several store branches.

In January staff at the the Liffey Valley branch fought back against these injustices, occupying their workplaces for several days.

This show of strength and solidarity from the workers won them their demands in a matter of days.

## In their own words...

“We knew things weren't good, they just didn't tell us what was happening and we worked all over Christmas with this hanging over us. I was working until half six on Christmas Eve and I was back in at 7.30am on St Stephen's Day working every hour I was asked. We all did.

“It's not just about the money. It's about how workers are being treated by these big companies who think they can come in and then trample over workers when they've no more use for them. We have to stand up for ourselves because it doesn't look like the government is going to.”

**You can fight back –  
and we want to help**



Retail workers have suffered long enough. La Senza staff have shown us that when we stick together we can win our demands. For support in getting organised at work, contact the Solidarity Federation.

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