

## **Poland: Solidarity with Pyszne delivery workers (Just Eats Poland) in their fight against precarious working conditions and employer repression!**

Pyszne is the Polish subsidiary of the meal delivery platform "Just Eats". In Poland, as in France, the platforms' delivery workers are treated like slaves: officially, they are "self-employed", and the platform "merely" puts them in touch with their customers.

In reality, the delivery workers are workers subordinate to the platform: it is the platform that assigns them work - or not. This system of "non-salaried workers" represents many advantages for the Platform: on the one hand, it does not have to pay social security contributions - which are the responsibility of "self-employed" delivery workers. Furthermore, it allows platforms to contract with ever more delivery workers, which leads to competition between them to have enough working hours and therefore prevents any solidarity and implement instead a "war of all delivery workers against all".

But sometimes, solidarity is stronger than competition. Sometimes delivery workers understand that their only chance to reverse the balance of power and gain respect from the platform is through collective action.

This is what happened in Warsaw, Poland, where delivery people from the Pyszne platform (the local Just Eats) decided to band together to have their dignity respected. They spoke out on social media to denounce the poor working conditions.

Obviously, this didn't please the platform, which then decided not to assign them any hours of work. That is to say, to fire them, but without compensation or unemployment due to their status as self-employed entrepreneurs.

This intimidation did not silence the rebellious delivery people. On the contrary, they drew up a list of their demands for dignity:

- Reinstatement and an end to discrimination of workers on the basis of their opinion and labour activity.
- Withdrawal of changes in the working conditions which have led to the increased precarization of food delivers.
- Implementation of guaranteed hours for each delivery worker, as Pyszne promises in the recruitment advertisement but does not keep its word once the delivery worker is hired.
- Giving couriers who are already employed priority in getting hours or changing their zones instead of always hiring more and more people
- An increase in the extra payment made for couriers, especially who ride their own scooters because the payment they currently receive does not cover the costs of use and maintenance

The delivery workers in struggle organised into ZSP (Polish section of the International Workers' Association, AIT-IWA) are planning actions and rallies to make customers aware of how the platform treats delivery workers, and to put pressure on the company (Just Eats is listed on the stock exchange and is very sensitive to its image in public opinion).

The injustice that delivery workers in Poland suffer - linked to the platforms' mode of organization based on wild exploitation - is the same that the platforms inflict on delivery people in France and all over the world. Just Eats is established in many countries, including France, Poland, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, etc. The bosses don't care about borders, they make us suffer exploitation in all countries. The resistance of workers against exploitation must also be international. It is up to us to express our solidarity with the delivery people in Poland, because their struggle is also our struggle. By fighting for them and with them, we are fighting for ourselves too.

Let's make Just Eats' shameful practices known around us, let's amplify the voice of the delivery workers in struggle by relaying information about their struggle to delivery people on all platforms, customers, etc.

**Long live international workers' solidarity!**  
**Solidarność z walczącymi pracownikami w Pyszne.pl !**

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