

Possible Class Action on Worker status for Public Service Interpreters

Following on from the 'Uber decision' in which the Supreme Court found that Uber drivers were "workers" under employment legislation, UNITE the Union is assessing the prospects of success of a potential test case brought by an interpreter working for one of the big LSPs. Legal advice has been obtained and one interpreter has so far come forward. However, it is considered that a class action with more than one interpreter would have a better chance of success and also that claimants would be better protected against any possible fallout.

UNITE would therefore be interested to hear from any interpreter currently working for one of the big LSPs, who might be interested in joining a class action.

NB. Any volunteer would need to be or become a paid-up member of UNITE the Union in order to participate in the test case and benefit from legal advice. If anyone would like to consider this, please contact Andy Murray of UNITE directly at Andrew.Murray@unitetheunion.org.

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