

SAY NO TO PRISONER EXPLOITATION - DROP MAYPOLE!

Maypole Ltd is a company that uses prison labour to make trailer boards for stores like Blacks and Millets. Prisoners are paid between £6 - £25 for a full working week. If they don't work they are punished. We are asking Blacks and Millets to stop stocking Maypole products until they stop exploiting prisoners.



Companies selling Maypole products:



Blacks



millets



SCREWFIX

Prisoners that work in prisons have no rights to organise, no contracts, no sick pay – they have no use of the gains that workers have fought and died for over centuries. If prisoners refuse to work they are punished via the IEP (Incentives and Earned Privileges Scheme), losing visits and time outside. They are the ultimate captive workforce for capitalist industries and have been used to break strikes, while simultaneously taking jobs out of communities and into prisons.



THE PRISON SYSTEM IN THE UK



More than 90,000 adults and children are imprisoned in the UK. Prisons, policing and surveillance are sold to us as solutions yet they fail to address the root causes of crime or the inequalities in this society that determine who is criminalised.

We now have the highest prisoner suicide rate in the world and unprecedented rates of self-harm due to sentencing reforms and people serving longer behind bars. The Joint Enterprise law, that assigns guilt by association, has targeted young people from working class communities to life sentences.

Likewise, IPP (Imprisonment for Public Protection) sentences created in 2005, sentenced people to life sentences for minor crimes. Individuals with tariffs as small as 12 months for crimes like shoplifting have now done over 10 years. These sentences emerged with the growth of the private for-profit prison system that has nearly doubled our prison population in less than two decades.

Now we face further prison expansion with the government launching a £1.3billion prison building program. These new mega-prisons contain huge workshops to exploit prisoners.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Contact companies that sell Maypole products and ask them to drop them until they stop exploiting prison labour.** Find all the contact details on our website.
- **Join the IWW.** We organise all workers and unemployed workers of all wages, jobs, colours, religions, genders, ages, cultures, and other differences. We take a grassroots and direct action approach.



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Workers in prison have no rights and companies make millions from their labour. Over a quarter of prisoners are people of colour. Over 80% of prisoners have mental health problems, two-thirds have issues with addiction, alcoholism and drug use and 36% are also estimated to have a physical or mental disability. More than a fifth have a learning disability.

Nearly half of the children in prison had been on the child protection register, and for adults in jail, more than half had been emotionally, physically or sexually abused as children. 46% of women in prison also reported a history of domestic abuse.

Prisons destroy lives, drain resources and benefit no one. It is time to defend our class, fight back and build alternatives!



LEARN MORE

www.iwoc.iww.org.uk

The Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee started to support prisoners to unionise and resist the growth of prison labour.

www.smashipp.noflag.org.uk

Smash IPP works with prisoner families and others to campaign to free IPP prisoners, who are serving life sentences for minor crimes.

www.jointenterprise.co

JENGBa (Joint Enterprise not guilty by association) campaign against joint enterprise sentences.

www.cape-campaign.org

Community Action on Prison Expansion is campaigning across the UK against the building of new mega-prisons.