

# British Gas workers volunteer to help local good causes while on strike



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Striking GMB British Gas workers in the North West are volunteering to help good causes during the industrial action.



The workers – determined to help good causes on behalf of the community while they've downed tools – will be at Kensington Fields Community Centre, in Liverpool, on Saturday.

They will be joined by Kim Johnson, MP for Liverpool Riverside and Paula Barker, MP for Liverpool Wavertree.

Last year while on furlough, British Gas voluntarily worked within the Liverpool community, delivering food parcels to those in need on behalf of the Trussell Trust.

Around 7,000 British Gas engineers will down tools for four days from today until February 23 over the company's plan to sack them all and rehire them on worse terms and conditions.

These are strike days 19 to 22 of the ongoing dispute.

A four-day strike was suspended last weekend to allow talks between GMB and British Gas to take place at ACAS.

GMB says the talks require the company to drop its fire and rehire plan if a deal is to be possible.

**George Patterson GMB Organiser, said:**

"British Gas engineers take pride in the work that they do and know customers are affected by this industrial action.

"They take no pleasure knowing that people are suffering at home with no central heating or hot water in these miserable temperatures and bleak weather.



“These workers would rather be out doing what they are good at – providing a first-class service to all their customers.

“Sadly their employer refuses to withdraw the threat hanging over their heads of dismissal, bringing uncertainty and misery to their own families.

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