

# Salford chemical workers in rights fight



Chemical workers at Luxfer MEL Technologies in Salford are taking action to protect their union recognition.

Currently, the company recognises GMB Union to negotiate on pay, conditions, jobs and other key workplace issues.

Bosses have now announced they will end the voluntary arrangement in January.

In response, GMB will apply to the Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) for statutory recognition, a stronger, legally binding form of union recognition that cannot simply be removed by the company.

**Steven Whittle, GMB Regional Organiser, said:**



“Luxfer’s decision to end the recognition agreement is a serious backward step.

“GMB members deserve a guaranteed voice at work, not one that can be taken away at any time.

“The company says workers can negotiate directly with them – but past experience shows that just won’t cut it; we’ve already seen workers excluded from talks.

“That’s why GMB is fighting for statutory recognition, to defend our members and secure fair treatment and a say in their future once and for all.

“GMB isn’t some outside organisation, it’s the people who work here, standing together for fairness and respect.”

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