



RLW increase 'welcome' but below inflation rise not enough

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GMB Union has responded to the rise in the real living wage, announced today [Monday 15 November 2021]

Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:

“While any increase to the Foundation Living Wage rate is welcome, this can’t be a moment of congratulation for business.

“Workers are facing a cost-of-living crisis, and employers face a recruitment crisis, after years of politically driven cuts and a race-to-the-bottom by many employers.

“It’s taken the covid pandemic to expose these failures and now we need some honesty in the debate over the value of wages.

“This below-inflation increase won’t go far enough.”