



THE **UNISON** AFFILIATED POLITICAL FUND

UNISON THE PUBLIC SERVICE UNION OPPOSES PRIVATISATION OF ROYAL MAIL

The Royal Mail is an institution with a long and proud history. People in every community have relied on its services over many generations and it is as relevant today as it has ever been. The men and women who work for the Royal Mail are dedicated, hard working public servants who are committed to giving the general public and Royal Mail customers the best possible service within the resources made available to them.

In our view privatisation puts all of this at risk for no apparent reason other than of helping private companies 'cherry pick' pieces of the business which will generate a quick profit for them.

Whilst the European Parliament ensured that a universal service must be guaranteed, we know that full liberalisation and privatisation will lead to the introduction of an inferior service and the erosion of the working conditions for Royal Mail staff – the people who literally deliver the service!

What Royal Mail needs is sustained investment. Public investment so that as a publicly owned company it can compete on equal terms with the private companies. It needs the Government to honour on its responsibilities and ensure the best possible service is delivered by a motivated workforce. Part or whole privatisation is not the answer. The answer lies in a well funded public institution that is given the tools to do the job. In such circumstances, we believe the Royal Mail will continue to be a great asset to our nation and deliver the services that our communities require.

As the country braces itself to deal with the impact of the recession investment in the Royal Mail could help re-establish the Post Office as a key part of every local community.

UNISON North West Region fully supports the Communications Workers Union in their Campaign and will be seeking to use our political influence to encourage elected politicians to honour previous commitments which have been given.

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