



20TH FEBRUARY 2017

1 Day Without us



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The fate of thousands of EU migrant workers in Britain is still not resolved post referendum. This adds to the thousands of other migrant workers in Britain who are feeling particularly vulnerable and subject to vilification and hatred by sections of our society and this feeling has escalated in these last month's especially with the election of Donald Trump as President of the USA. Many racists now feel their ideas are mainstream.

We want to show them they are wrong.

Workers in Barnet are not immune to these discussions and the feeling of increased vulnerability.

On 20th February we want to kick start initiatives at work which say that here, in this workplace, our migrant colleagues are welcome no matter where they come from, whatever their religion. Without those colleagues we could not continue providing the services we do. Like John F Kennedy said as a **show of solidarity** to the people of Berlin in 1963: "Ich bin ein Berliner"; We will all say "**Ich bin ein Migrant**"!

Many British colleagues have had experience of living and working in other parts of the world and so we can all say we are all migrants or have the potential to become migrants. British people continue to migrate, benefit from that experience and also contribute positively to the countries they go to.

We want to demonstrate our solidarity for our migrant colleagues:

By wearing a purple or green ribbon. You can also just wear something green or purple.

By taking solidarity selfies of you and your workmates on 20th February

By holding team meetings or getting together at lunchtime to talk about the positive effects of migration and filming short interviews of colleagues about who you are, what you do, where you're from and why this issue is important to you.

By making a cake and organising a tea and cake session at work...

Let us know what you plan to do on the day and we can add to this list of events and supporters