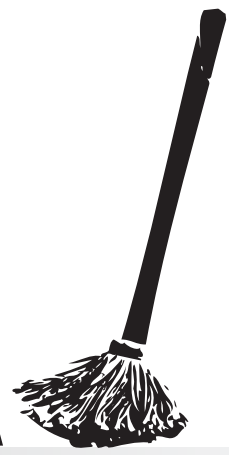


Workers

Against Work



Precarious & Service Workers Assembly

Unemployed • Underemployed • Unpaid
Domestic Workers • Independent Contractors
Service Workers • Temp Workers • Students
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•••• **Wednesday, March 21st, 3 pm**
19th and Telegraph
Oakland

For many of us these days, our work is defined by its precarity. We lack job security, work for laughable wages, and have no health care or potential for advancement. Even for those of us who do have these privileges, austerity measures and budget cuts can quickly take away the funding for our jobs — we are all potentially without a way to provide for ourselves or our loved ones. Come meet to network and discuss how we can help each other improve our immediate situations.

As service workers, we are often both overworked and underpaid; with Management forcing workers to work ever faster in an ever shorter amount of time. Productivity and speed-of-service requirements increase while hours per week are slashed. It's clear: The harder we work, and the less we get paid, the richer they get! Many of us are already in tough situations as parents, immigrants, young people, and students. Racism is blatantly apparent at many of our workplaces, with Latino and immigrant workers confined to back-of-house positions, maintaining a racial hierarchy to keep us separated. For some, a job at a restaurant or a cafe is a 2nd or even 3rd job, a result of the declining wages for other careers. Even worse, we often find ourselves forced into student loan and credit card debt because of low pay. All the while, rent, food, and transportation costs climb through the roof.

As frustrating as it may be for us to admit, our labor itself is useless. We produce nothing of lasting value. Whether it's serving coffee, preparing food, or manning a cash register and being nothing other than an accessory for cash transaction. We are part of a massive sector of work, a whole generation that does little more than fill very temporary roles.

We are the ones who put a smiling face on circulation. But we don't need to tell you: Work fucking sucks and we all know it, so let's do something about it! Solidarity and support among various kinds of workers can be empowering for all of us. Remember, they can't run these places without us. Bosses thrive by pitting us against one another, but if not for us, Management wouldn't make a dime. Let's take what's ours! Bring some goods to share from your place of employment if you'd like, and feel free to bring a friend or two — as long as they're not the boss!

