



Youth with Rights

by WYC of the WFTU

Today, youth are victims of capitalism's overexploitation on human beings and natural resources in order to pursue profit. This causes severe negative consequences for the youth, who see their rights in all aspects of life being deprived and the remaining ones are under pressure. Therefore, in WYC of WFTU we perform activities to raise demands and consciousness of young people.

Demanding for rights related to work or society, is fundamental to the working class. Just as the struggle for rights is a tool in the economic struggle to minimize the exploitation against the working class as well as a part of the struggle to change balance of power within the society. The working class and its youth do not benefit from the enormous wealth gained from their own work and the resources of their countries. It is stolen through the insidious pursuit of monopolies and imperialist forces for profit. Therefore, in WYC of WFTU we say that the future is with rights.

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Working Women

Lack of social support during maternity leave, lower wages, really many forms of ultra-flexible employment, discrimination in the labor market is the reality. Equally, the lack of free time leads to complicating women's opportunities to participate in trade union activities. Women suffer more from unemployment, wage decline, and violation of fundamental rights compared to men. That's why in WYC, we believe that the overall equality between men and women goes hand in hand with the class struggles to another social system in which women's rights and potential can really be unfolded.

Child Labour

Even at the most advanced economies underage exploitation is a fact and childhood is stolen from children. This happens because capital needs to take advantage of cheap labor due to the endless thirst for profits. Furthermore, monopolies from the "Western world" use children from the "Third world" as cheap labor. The WYC declare that no child should work for the monopolies' pursuit of profits, worldwide. The WYC demands adequate protection of children from the labour in parallel with prompt covering and addressing of their contemporary needs from the state.

Education

Education is a right for the entire youth. Education is a crucial tool for the working class to achieve its goals and to develop its potential. Therefore education must be based on the needs of mankind and nature. Today, we see how the educational system being adapted to the needs of businesses and their pursuit of profit, creating multiple social consequences. Therefore, in WYC, we demand education for all, based on humanity and nature's capabilities and needs.

Refugees & Migrants



WYC condemns the barbaric policies implemented by the competing imperialist powers who, during their struggle for controlling grounds, markets and strategic roads and ports, cause chaos and wars in many regions globally. Immigrants are neither responsible for the wars nor for their displacement and the need of seeking asylum.

People who flee from their countries are forced, either due to the imperialistic wars or because of the structural poverty that capitalism imposes in the working class in some regions to create an inexhaustible source of cheaply repressed labor force. Therefore, we welcome all immigrants, we reaffirm our commitment to support them and we cooperate with everyone who open his arms and defend the interests of immigrants from a class-oriented perspective. The migrants and refugees, as a integral part of the working class of their new country, have to fully participate in the local workers' struggles. The smooth and fully integration of migrants and refugees to the class-oriented trade union movement is a high priority goal of the WFTU

Working Conditions

Atypical forms of employment have so far exploded in recent years and affect particularly the youth. These forms of employment are a tool for the monopolies to smash the rights of the working class, aiming to gain more flexibility. In some countries they are presented in the form of 0-hour contracts, in other countries such as temporary employment or part-time employment. At the same time, the collective agreements which trade unions have fought for long time are demolished. Therefore, in WYC, we require dignity and real jobs that can ensure to the young people the confidence and pride that is necessary to organize themselves, settle down, and establish a family.



New Technologies

Today, we are witnessing the immense progress that has been accomplished in the field of new technologies. However, big parts of the working youth live in conditions with limited access to new technologies. The use of technological achievements in the productive process undoubtedly causes a rise in productivity, which could result in a significant reduction of the working hours, and an increase of workers' free time, in the automation of repetitive, painful job duties, and in improvement of working conditions and workers' lives. Instead, new technologies are being used by capitalists to intensify the workers' exploitation and to make even greater profits. The WFTU Working Youth committee believes that the youth everywhere has the right to have access to new technologies. Technologies should be in the service of the working class and the working youth in particular, which are the ones that are creating them with their work in the first place.

The Right to Strike

WYC believes that any attempt to ban the working class' most important and valuable tool in the fight for justice, our right to strike is an attack on the working class as a whole. The argument that "in modern times we resolve conflicts with social dialogue" is an argument that come out of the mouth of career politicians who are not linked with the working class and do not serve the interests of the working class.

Trade Union training

Ideology is not a book in the shelf, but is a tool for our fight! Our ideology is not for sale. It is our tool to analyze and understand the class struggle's development. It is our tool when we are going to trade union. Therefore, it is a firm part of WYC's work in our activities to spread and participate in WFTU's class analysis.



The WFTU Working Youth Committee calls the young workers all over the world to organize initiatives in the framework of the 2018 "Youth with Rights" campaign, spreading the class analysis and struggles of the World Federation of Trade Unions and its more than 92 million workers in the 5 continents.

**The future
will not come by itself
if we do not
take action!**



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