



18 May 2009

TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2009

TRAFFIC ATTENDANTS' STAGE PUBLIC PROTEST AT DISMISSALS

9.00 AM BELFAST CITY HALL

9.30 AM (NCP SERVICES) 33 MAY STREET BELFAST

Traffic Attendants dismissed by the private sector Company NCP Services (now NSL Services Group) are planning to stage protests tomorrow (Tuesday) outside the employer's offices in 33 May Street, Belfast.

A number of the Traffic Attendants also plan to protest at the Headquarters of the Department for Regional Development (DRD), Clarence Court, Adelaide Street, Belfast. The Department privatised the Traffic Attendants' services in 2006.

Last month NCP Services suspended and then dismissed the 25 Traffic Attendants after they stopped work for half a day in protest at their treatment by the private sector employer. The Traffic Attendants, all members of the public service union NIPSA, said the company had failed to address a range of grievances including Health and Safety at Work issues.

NIPSA is Northern Ireland's biggest public service trade union and is mounting a campaign to overturn the dismissals to get the Traffic Attendants reinstated.

NIPSA's General Secretary, John Corey described the Company's actions as grossly unfair and unjustified. Mr Corey said:-

"These Traffic Attendants provided an important public service to the community. They did not deserve to be treated as they have been by this private sector Company. This union is determined to do everything possible to overturn these grossly unfair and unjustified dismissals.

We are calling on all political representatives, other trade unions and the public to give their support to these workers campaigning to get their jobs back."

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NIPSA represents over 45,000 members in the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Education & Library Boards, Health and Social Services Boards and Trusts, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, & District Councils.

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