



The Week that was

It's been a short week; we learned that civil servants have been taking the 'mick and the michael' and enjoying their extra days off; perish the thought, this is quite appalling and needs to end immediately - or at least in time for the next Diamond Jubilee. MP's are on the edge of their seats passing motions to end this decadence. John Prescott hit the headlines this week with his attack on the CPUK – and by extension Tomorrow's People – and the governments work experience programme. However, Tomorrow's People did a fine job of defending the organisation and its work: well done. Whilst the drinks industry in Scotland is expanding and creating new jobs, our pensioners are amongst the poorest in the EU... *Help! I feel a work experience joke fighting to get out...I'm ok now; phew! All Hail SERCO...*in a week that was short we see that serco is the first Prime Contractor to achieve the Merlin Standard. Well done... *Serci*

Floyd

Opposition Position

Beyond criticising the Government for the scandal that job seekers had to spend the night under London Bridge as part of their work experience, the Labour Party have continued to utilise the gift that just keeps on giving, the Beecroft report. This week both Labour front benchers Chuck Umunna and Ian Murray respectively supported the arguments of the EEF and CIPD that the introduction of no fault dismissal is completely unnecessary.

Shadow employment minister Ian Murray argued that the Beecroft report showed just *"how out of touch the Tory-led Government has become"*.

Head line of the week

"Labour Camp? No, we just had a great time, Lord Prezza"

The Daily Mail, Pg.4

The Daily Mail has reported that Lord Prescott, the BBC and the Guardian newspaper overstated the work experience problem with CPUK and Tomorrow's People. The Mail argues that based on reports, you could be forgiven for believing that Britain was in the grip of Dickensian working practices