

Statement of solidarity in support of live performance workers in France

The global community of media and entertainment unions affiliated to UNI Global Union stands in solidarity with our colleagues in France, who are facing significant new restrictions due to the worsening global health crisis.

The French government has announced new measures, which will hit the cultural and live performance sector particularly hard and worsen the situation of intermittent workers in the sector. Live performance is once again facing closures and cancellations of events and performances, leaving workers unable to work. However, the announced measures are a repeat of previous measures taken, and remain inadequate for the sector.

CGT Spectacle is organising a national day of action on 19 January to demand for more inclusive measures of support for workers in the sector.

CGT is asking for guarantees that existing contracts are honoured and that workers receive their salaries despite cancellations of performances. They are demanding that the unemployment scheme for intermittent workers in the sector is extended to the same level with the general scheme, and that access to maternity leave and sick leave is guaranteed until the end of the crisis.

CGT Spectacle is also concerned of the impact of the situation to young workers who are now entering the sector, with very limited opportunity for work.

The measures, as they stand, do not safeguard jobs and the rights of workers in the live performance sector.

UNI MEI calls on the French government to provide adequate measures that support workers in the sector, when they face yet another period of closures.

UNI MEI stands together with CGT Spectacle in their call for action.