

PRESS POINTS

- 1 We are holding this protest to commemorate Simon Jones on what would have been his 25th birthday and to protest at the fact that the Euromin dock he was killed in is still operating – still using cheap, untrained, casual labour to do dangerous, skilled jobs. **We want this this deathtrap dock shut down.**
- 2 Simon was killed on the first day of a **dangerous job** he had no training for and should not have been doing. Casualisation and the 'flexible labour market' that Labour and Tory politicians are so keen on means less protection and safety for millions of low paid workers .
- 3 Simon was forced to take this job because of **the harassment of unemployed people** like Simon to take any job, however unsuitable or unsafe. Employment agencies and low pay employers take advantage of this.
- 4 **Casualisation kills.** In 1989 the National Dock Labour Scheme was abolished, bringing casualisation to all British docks – no holiday or sick pay, no job security, more injuries and deaths. Within four years the accident rate at British docks had leapt by a third.
- 5 Four years ago, 15% of major injuries at work were investigated. Last year there were 50,000 major injuries at work and 48,000 of these were not even investigated by the Health and Safety Executive. **Our 'law and order' government is letting profit-grabbing companies get away murder.**