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Industrial Action by HSBC Cleaners

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HSBC cleaners facing redundancy at 8 Canada Square to take industrial action.

Following the recent announcement by Facility Services company ISS that up to eight cleaners face redundancy as part of its plans to restructure cleaning services at HSBC, the bank's cleaning staff have voted in favour of industrial action. Members of the Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union will campaign to protect their jobs with an all-out strike, set to take place on June 6th. The strike will be accompanied by a public demonstration in the area of Canada Square, in order to highlight the proposal by one of the world's biggest banks to fire a number of Britain's lowest-paid workers.

Cleaners at 8 Canada Square in Canary Wharf have been offered the opportunity to apply for voluntary redundancy, despite ISS's future plans for the site not have been made available to them in writing.

The proposed restructuring is expected to take place in June, leaving the cleaners little time to assess their options and make a decision that will significantly affect their futures.

ISS has so far refused to give CAIWU official recognition, despite 18 of their cleaning staff being members of the union. ISS's decision has left these workers to face the challenges of restructuring without formal representation.

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