

Union sets off on strike bus to mobilise health workers

Switzerland

The vpod/ssp public services union has launched an initiative to support its local activists in mobilising to win better pay and conditions for health workers across the country. The strike at the CHUV University Hospital in Lausanne was the starting signal for the union's "Road to Strike" organizing campaign. Vpod/ssp argues that the situation in health establishments has worsened due to the pandemic with many workers facing burnout and leaving the sector. The persistent staffing shortages undermine working conditions and further pressures come from private health companies' search for profit. The union recognises that this situation makes it difficult to organise and so the hope is that the strike bus will provide support and help strengthen local union organisation. A list of towns and cities has already been published setting out the route for the bus from mid-August to the beginning of October.

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