

**Resolution Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Resolution Title: In support of Latha Ramajeyam**

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This branch agrees to support the campaign to support the campaign of Tamil Solidarity to defend Latha Lawanya Ramajeyam an asylum seeker, refugee rights campaigner, working class fighter and trade union member in east London.

Due to the legal costs of her ongoing asylum case, she was unable to continue making rent for her single room in Tower Hamlets. She was completely open with her landlord, Cityrooms, about her financial and immigration situation. However, rather than attempting to negotiate a settlement as Lawanya had requested, Cityrooms has gone straight to small claims court for the full rent of all four remaining months on her tenancy agreement, plus costs and interest.

This is a clear attempt to abuse a refugee's legal status – which would be threatened by a county court judgment against her – to extract money from her which she simply does not have. Cityrooms has a long list of complaints against it online. We believe the only way to defend refugees and all working-class tenants against greedy landlords is to stand up to them.

We resolve:

1. To add our name to letters and statements of protest in defence of Lawanya, and send a message of support to [lawani.lawani1@gmail.com](mailto:lawani.lawani1@gmail.com).
2. To publicise and attend protests called on this issue.
3. To support campaigns for decent, genuinely affordable housing for all.
4. To publicise the case on our website <http://www.housingworkers.org.uk/>

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