

Work & Politics As Football

At work it's like you're playing football against the most assertive and possibly most able people.

They are organised into teams - companies, and public bodies.

They wear the same kit and play co-operatively with each other.

You play them on your own.

Your workmates do too.

You and them don't play as a team and don't wear the same kit.

You don't see that you need to organise with each other to match up to their organisation.

You keep losing. You resent it but accept it as the way of the world.

Most others like you think the same.

The other team know the rules of the game and take an interest in them.

Most like you don't but, again, think it's just the way of the world.

The other team have the rules on their side from way back.

You are offered a remote regulatory forum for if you want to change the rules.

They organise for it better than you (you don't, much).

So you don't get much from the regulatory forum.

They argue it's your supporters in the forum that let you down.

That you're better off with their supporters, who say the other team winning is actually best for you (trickle down).

Some of you are taken in by that.

Or they say the forum is an elite, and that's your problem.

Many give up on it.

Or turn to demagogues supported by the other team.

You need to organise, to unionise.