

Rescue is what people need

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This morning's Guardian is a treasure trove of good quotes. [Take this from John Harris:](#)

As we move into the succession of zombie jamborees that is conference season, one other thought occurs. Humankind long ago invented things that could at least retilt the balance between capital and labour, and ease some of modern life's most inhuman aspects. We called them trade unions. Most Tories would rather they did not exist: now, even people in the Labour party want to push them even further to the margins. If they do, they will be adding to the problem, when the increasingly poor, huddled masses they represent could really do with some solutions. To turn Osborne on his head, recovery alone is not the issue: rescue is what people need.

I'm proud to work to find solutions with union colleagues for precisely that reason. And I hope to do so for some considerable time to come.