

STUDENTS ORGANIZING IN THE

FASHION INDUSTRY

OUR VISION FOR STUDENT ORGANIZING

Our vision is for students, especially those with family sewing for major exploitative garment brands, work to eliminate sweatshop labor since they are most closely impacted by the fashion industry. Students, alongside garment workers, lead the fight for safe and dignified workplaces with fair wages. We build power from the bottom up for social and economic justice!

WHAT DO WE DO?



- Students are trained on workers rights & protections & able to become Workers' Rights Ambassadors
- Provide students with opportunities to change the law and increase worker's rights
- We advocate that brands and fashion companies take responsibility for wages and labor conditions in the factories they use.
- We provide political education workshops where students can understand how their history connects to the exploitation in the garment industry

RECOGNIZE THE LABEL?

FOREVER 21 **charlotte russe**
FASHION NOVA
URBAN OUTFITTERS **lulus**



*The companies are the
top violators in GWC
wage theft cases*

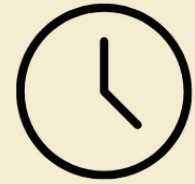
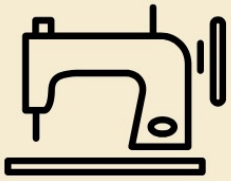


OUR HISTORY:

Founded in 2001, the Garment Worker Center began with a case in El Monte where Thai Garment Workers were working in conditions of slavery. Dozens of workers were trafficked and imprisoned in an apartment building converted to a makeshift garment factory. When the workers were found, there was not an organization dedicated to garment workers. In its place, a group of organizations focused on the rights of immigrants and works united to support garment workers. Nevertheless, it was clear that there was a necessity for a sustained effort directed toward the abuses garment workers face in Los Angeles. After the El Monte Garment Workers won their campaign, the coalition established the Garment Worker Center.



A GLANCE AT THE GARMENT INDUSTRY



**21,000
Workers**

This is one of the biggest industries in Los Angeles

\$ 5-6 Per Hour

Garment Workers don't earn more than \$5/ hour because of the piece rate system

90% Without Overtime

Although many work 10 to 11 hour days 6 days a week, the majority of garment workers don't receive overtime pay

MISSION

The Garment Worker Center is a worker's rights organization leading an anti-sweatshop movement to improve conditions for tens of thousands of Los Angeles Garment Workers. Through direct organizing, GWC develops leaders who demand enforcement of strong labor laws and accountability from factory owners, manufacturers, and fashion brands. We center immigrant workers, women of color, and their families who are impacted by exploitation in the fashion industry.



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