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Liverpool museums strike ends as PCS members accept improved offer

Museum workers vote to accept deal after taking more than 60 days' strike action

Museum workers in Liverpool have voted to accept an improved pay offer, bringing to an end their long-running dispute.

The Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union members at National Museums Liverpool had taken more than 60 days of action over the employer withholding a cost-of-living payment.

The action led to widespread gallery closures affecting the Museum of Liverpool, the World Museum, the International Slavery Museum and the Maritime Museum, as well as the Walker Gallery, Sudley House and the Lady Lever Art Gallery.

Members yesterday voted to accept an offer of a one-off £1,200 cost-of-living payment, two extra days' holiday a year and a 35% discount in museum cafes.

PCS general secretary Fran Heathcote said: "Congratulations to our members at NML who through their strength and determination have won this dispute.

"They stood firm through many months of strike action and have now been rewarded with a significant sum and extra benefits.

"As always, PCS will stand by our members when they're fighting for better pay, terms and conditions. This victory shows there is power in a union."

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