

Bolivarian Venezuela: Sustained progress for workers' rights

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In the UK, the slogan “there is no alternative” is very prevalent. It is important therefore to see positive examples of how the law can operate to the benefit of workers and their unions. For workers in the UK, restricted by the most restrictive laws on trade unions in the Western world and struggling with weak employment rights and increasingly curtailed access to justice, this booklet provides much food for thought.

Now, as we approach the 2nd anniversary of the introduction of the new Venezuelan laws, it is interesting to compare and contrast State attitudes to workers, to unions, to access to justice and to companies who fail to comply with the law.

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