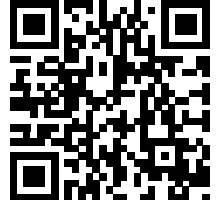# Trade Unions in Industrial Britain

During the Industrial Revolution in Britain, _____ unions played a crucial role. Factories emerged, creating jobs but also harsh conditions. Workers faced long hours, low _____ , and unsafe environments. To fight this, they began forming trade unions. These unions aimed to protect workers' _____ and improve their conditions. The early unions were often secret because forming them was illegal.

One of the first notable _____ was the Friendly Society of Agricultural Labourers, formed in 1834. It aimed to improve wages and reduce working _____ . Despite their efforts, six members, known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs, were arrested and transported to _____ . This sparked public outrage and increased support for the unions.

In 1824, the Combination _____ was repealed, allowing unions to operate legally. This led to a rapid increase in union membership. Unions organized _____ to demand better wages and working conditions. Strikes were a powerful tool, but they also faced opposition from _____ and the government.

The Chartist movement in the 1830s and 1840s was another significant development. It wasn't a union itself, but it supported workers' rights and political _____ . The movement aimed for universal male suffrage, secret ballots, and better working conditions. Although it didn't achieve all its _____ , it laid the groundwork for future reforms.

By the late 19th century, trade unions had become more organized and powerful. They played a _____ in passing laws that improved working conditions and reduced working hours. The _____ Union Act of 1871 legalized unions and protected their right to strike. This was a major victory for the working _____ .

Trade unions significantly shaped the industrial landscape in Britain. They fought for fair wages, safer working _____ , and workers' rights. Their efforts led to significant changes that improved the lives of many _____ . Today, trade unions continue to be a vital part of workers' rights movements around the world.

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