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The sewing machinists, who are responsible for stitching the car seat covers, have been paid significantly less than their male counterparts who work in the same factory. This inequality has been going on for far too long and the women have decided that enough is enough. They are demanding equal pay and they are demanding it now.

There are fears that the strike will cause a major disruption to the production of the Ford cars. If the factory is forced to shut down several production lines, many workers will have to be sent home. The strike is expected to continue until the company agrees to the women's demands.

Some women are supported by their families, friends, and colleagues who have joined them on the picket lines, but large numbers of staff at the factory are unhappy with the strike as it will affect their own household if there are factory closures.



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Some of the female workers that are demanding change.

One thing the women can rely on, is the support from the trade unions and women's rights groups who are standing in solidarity with them.

The Ford car plant in Dagenham is one of the largest employers in the area and the strike looks set to cause significant impact on the local economy. However, the women are determined to see this through and are not willing to compromise on their demands.

The strike has already received widespread media coverage and has sparked a national conversation about gender equality in the workplace. The women's bravery and determination has already begun to inspire many others to stand up for their rights and demand equal pay for equal work.

The question remains - will they be successful in their campaign for equality?

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