

Sex change man wins

AN engineer sacked when his employers learned he had decided to change sex has been reinstated . . . thanks to the overwhelming support of 2,000 colleagues.

A union chief said yesterday the company, GEC Telecommunications in Coventry, had been taught "a sharp lesson that such discrimination will not be tolerated."

Linda Hollingworth — formerly known as Ray Fowell—

was dismissed in March 1981, after more than 10 years service.

But an industrial tribunal ruled in April this year that Miss Hollingworth had been unfairly dismissed.

Mass meetings of staff voted overwhelmingly in favour of reinstatement. And yesterday it was learned that GEC had decided to give Miss Hollingworth, 31, of Cromwell Road, Rugby, another job.

The company said the decision was taken "in light of the Tribunal's findings."

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