

“Hunger Games”: New BBC Reality Game Show Pitting Poor Against Poorer

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Making a spectacle out of the poor and working class is the newest trend from the mainstream media machine.

The BBC is currently casting for a new show that seeks to pit the unemployed and low-paid workers against one another to win a cash prize.

The contestants will be expected to ‘prove’ themselves, much like those in [Suzanne Collins’](#) hit series [The Hunger Games](#). A representative from the production company elaborated and stated that ‘people will be put to the test in a series of challenges and tasks’.

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The BBC are looking for Britain's hardest young worker...



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The poster promoting the casting of the show (Independent)

The representative went on to say that 'those who have produced the least will be eliminated', which is particularly frightening in [austerity-stricken Britain](#) where [cuts to healthcare are truly eliminating people's lives](#).

The winner will apparently receive £15,000 (\$23,000), which is roughly equal to a year's living wage; well, at least it would be outside of London.



Channel 4 show Benefits Street popularized 'poverty porn' (Independent)

Will we need to wait much longer before we are back to gladiatorial arenas with people fighting to the death to earn a living?

Perhaps the production company could have, instead, invested in a show that sought to get low-paid workers into high paying jobs – a real prize – instead of this *Hunger Games* style spectacle.

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