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Newsletter – November 2025

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Open Democracy: UK's employment visas are causing thousands of legal migrant workers to end up in modern slavery, 31st October 2025.

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