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### **Doesn't Workfare save us money?**

Actually workfare is hugely expensive to the government. It saves the private companies money, but tax payers end up with the multi-billion pound bill. It's another way the rich steal from the poor; just like bailing out banks, or paying wages so low they have to be topped up with tax credits and benefits.

### **Kick Workfare out of Bristol!**

If you want to get involved talk to your friends&colleagues about workfare, complain to the companies who are involved in it, and check the events page of [bristolanticutsalliance.org.uk](http://bristolanticutsalliance.org.uk) for future actions.

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