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### Does workfare help the unemployed?

The more workfare placements that are created, the fewer paid jobs there are. The governments own statistics show less than 4% of people on its 'work

program' got a job, many more would have found work without it!

### What if I have a job already?

Workfare means employers can lay-off paid staff or reduce hours and overtime. Workfare is often used to help bosses drive down wages and working conditions, it also helps large companies to undercut independent shops (who pay their staff) closing more local businesses.

### Doesn't Workfare save us money?

No, workfare is hugely expensive, just one of the five workfare schemes alone costs more than the entire yearly bill for Job Seekers Allowance! It saves the private companies money, means less pay and jobs for us, and more profits for them.

### How can we stop it?

A massive campaign of protests, direct action and public complaints has already caused 27 companies to abandon workfare, if more drop out the scheme will cease to function.

If your workplace uses workfare or the job centre tries to put you on a scheme, get in touch – we can help you to organise against it!

This is just one of many attacks on the working class by the government and big business. Together we can fight back and create a society that meets our needs and those of our communities, rather than serving the interests of the rich and powerful. To get involved in the struggle contact:



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