



**australia asia worker links**



**workshop**

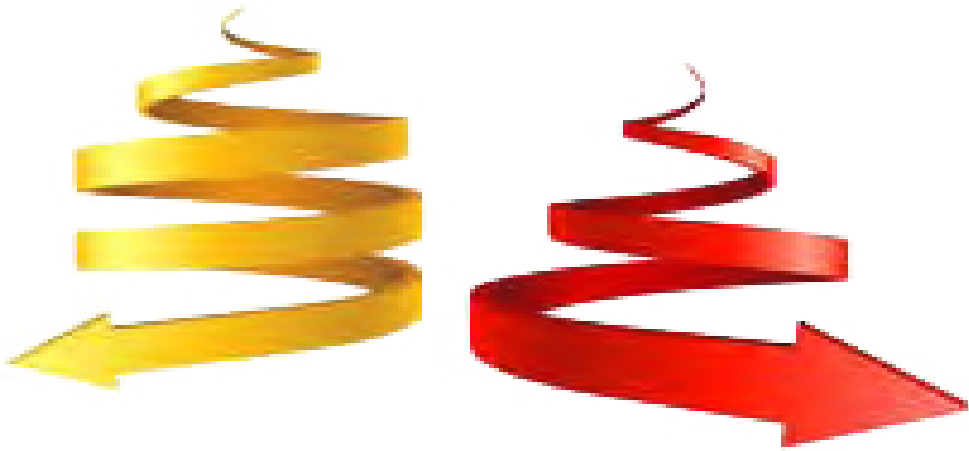
## **international industrial action and solidarity**

AAWL has developed the international industrial action and solidarity workshops over a period of six years. These workshops are designed to develop new concepts and organising tools for workers.

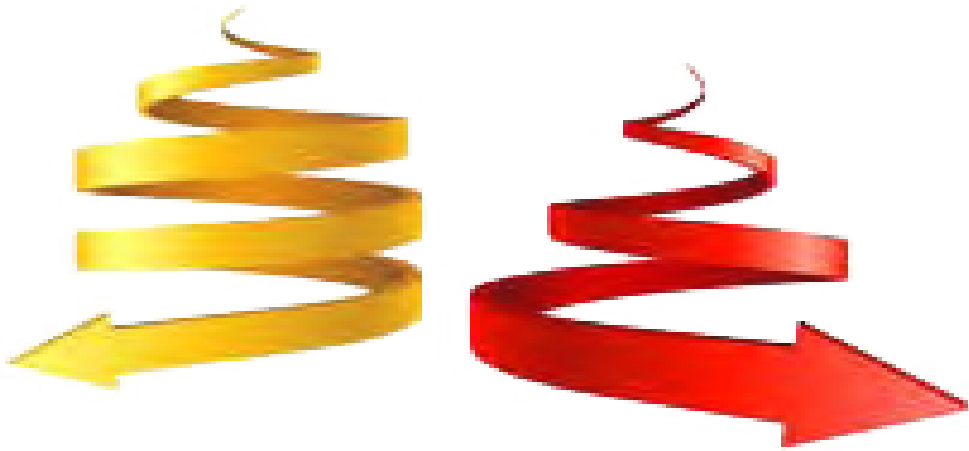


## **workers face a global economic crisis...**

Each international industrial action and solidarity workshop is built around a major industrial struggle, and has the objective of providing practical support to the workers in struggle.



**workers face a race to the bottom  
in wages and conditions**



## race to the bottom

- **companies shift production to low wage countries**
- **companies import temporary migrant workers on precarious contracts**

Companies are simply looking to cut costs and increase profits but to workers these actions are very damaging.



## Industries are in struggle...

- airlines
- car factories
- mines
- construction
- food industry

Other industries are in struggle too. We are looking at particular industries because they are some of the very strategic industries for company profits, and in controlling the global economy. There are still other strategic industries that control the economy, like maritime transport, urban transport, power stations, telecommunications.



# we need a global picketline!

# global picketline



# what do we have?



**global picketline**

**we have the global labour movement charter**

**a common platform of demands is possible**





## global picketline



# the global labour movement charter

- The right to organise unions and take collective action including industrial action and solidarity actions
- The right of all workers to organise collectively without being subjected to violence, intimidation or legal harassment
- Secure employment
- Health & Safety at work, compensation, rehabilitation
- A living wage for all workers in all industries
- Decent work, with appropriate hours of work proposed by workers, paid leave and paid holidays
- Full rights for women workers
- Indigenous workers' rights & Land Rights
- Permanent residence with full employment rights for all refugees and all migrant workers in all countries
- No child labour
- Education, housing, health and childcare provisions
- Social security and adequate welfare benefits

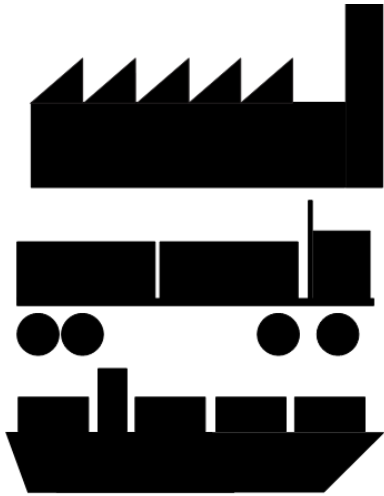
# global picketline

## we have target companies



Target companies are possible targets for global industrial action and solidarity campaigns because they share these features:

- they are very large multinationals with production and sales in many countries
- they are strongly anti-union
- despite their anti-union stance they are unionised with genuine unions present within multiple production sites



## global picketline

### we have global union federations

- airlines – ITF
- car factories – IndustriALL
- mines – IndustriALL
- construction – BWI
- food industry – IUF

There are other global union federations in other industries: EI, IFJ, PSI, UNI - There are also the WFTU affiliates

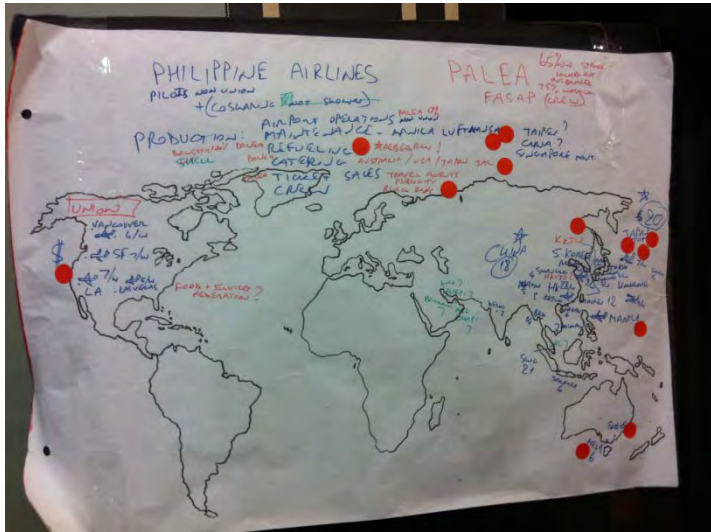


## **global picketline**

**we have the concept of levels of solidarity**

1. solidarity messages
2. connect the struggles
3. joint action

**developing a strategy is possible**



## global picketline we have skype meetings

With the right people around the table international coordination is possible.

The right people around the table are workers in the genuine unions involved in the dispute. They discuss possible solidarity campaigns with other workers in genuine unions in the same company or the same industry, who are well placed to be very effective in the dispute.



## global picketline



**we have joint actions**

- global days of action
- coordinated leafleting actions



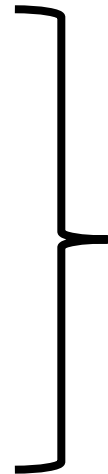
Many more types of actions are possible. The ones listed here are the ones we have used in international industrial action and solidarity campaigns.



## global picketline

### we have a campaign structure

coordinator  
liaison officers  
researchers  
union affiliates  
union delegates  
solidarity partners



the right people around the table



## global picketline



## campaign structure

**Researchers** find additional companies in similar or related disputes, the nature and history of the disputes, the genuine unions involved and solidarity campaigns already established

**Liaison officers** contact the workers, union officials and solidarity activists involved in the disputes and share documents and information

**Coordinators** keep track of disputes and discuss and propose possible joint meetings, statements and actions to strengthen the workers in the disputes





## global picketline



## we have a strategy:

- bring our workshop to the struggle
- organise the international discussion
- develop joint actions

international coordination is possible



## global picketline

### what don't we have yet?

- enough money for travel
- enough trained coordinators
- enough organisational confidence

**Can we build it?**

**Yes we can!**



# global picketline

Workers need a global response to global exploitation. Employers shift production from country to country to cut costs, disadvantaging workers. We need to fight back with coordinated campaigns, to link workers who are in dispute in the same industry across different countries. We need a global picketline.

## international industrial action and solidarity workshop

car workers  
airline workers  
occupational health & safety

stop the killings  
free our comrades  
abolish 112 in thailand

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## what do we do next?

- raise money
- recruit & train coordinators
- take the workshop to the struggle

**Can we build it?**

**Yes we can!**