

## SUARTS POLICY | YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

### **This Union Notes:**

- That the official unemployment figure now stands at 2.3 million and most analysts expect it to rise to 3 million by the end of the year.
- That unemployment among 16-to-24 year-olds is running at around a third of the total unemployment figures, and will rise even higher in summer when a new wave of university and college students will enter the job market.
- That the National Union of Teachers has called for a demonstration against youth unemployment in the autumn.
- That the Unite union has called a demonstration in Birmingham on the 16<sup>th</sup> May to demand an end to job cuts.
- That the Waterford Crystal factory in southern Ireland, the Prisme factory in Dundee, and the Visteon factories in Belfast and Enfield have all been occupied by workers in defiance of announced mass redundancies.

### **This Union Believes:**

- That students and workers should not have to pay for the banking crisis in capitalism.
- That the tens of billions of pounds that Labour has spent pouring into the black hole of the banking system would be better spent creating jobs.
- That in the struggle against the effects of the recession, unity between students, workers and unemployed youth makes us all stronger.

### **This Union Resolves:**

- To campaign against youth unemployment and for employment rights.
- To join the call for a national demonstration against youth unemployment to take place at the Labour Party conference, in Brighton on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. To send a delegation of students to this demonstration.
- To send a message of support to the Visteon workers, and to any other workplace occupied by its workers in defiance of redundancies and layoffs.
- To support the “Fight for the right to employment” conference on 13 June 2009.

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