

Today, there is one worldwide economy. Companies compete globally for profit. They search the world for the cheapest labour and materials and the friendliest governments.

Companies shift factories to lower wage countries. They stop workers organising. They casualise or contract out workers. They push workers to produce more and work longer. They cut back on Occupational Health and Safety. They import workers. They encourage racism and nationalism that divide workers.

In every country, every day, workers face these same pressures. Everywhere, all workers need a living wage, secure work and a safe workplace.

This is a life and death struggle for all workers.

To win, workers need to unite across borders and across social divides. Companies are global, so workers' resistance must be global.

Division between workers helps companies because it stops workers organising together.

Resist racism, sexism, nationalism and religious conflict.

Join the worldwide struggle.

When workers are united, they can never be defeated.

MAKE A GLOBAL PICKETLINE

The global picketline in action

Starting from late 2011 there was a succession of attacks on airline industry workers in Australia, the Philippines, Turkey and elsewhere. International solidarity to connect the struggles was necessary in order to win.

Workers linked up, sent messages of solidarity, talked over the phone and face to face, and organised joint action. Unions included the ASU & AMWU (Australia), the Philippines Airlines Employees Association, Hava Is (Turkey), and the Canadian Auto Workers.

After more than two years of struggle, workers in the Philippines and Turkey won many of their demands.

The fight continues.

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Australia Asia Worker Links believes international solidarity is the best way to win workers' struggles. AAWL is in Melbourne Australia.

THE GLOBAL PICKETLINE



**JOIN THE UNION
JOIN THE FIGHT
JOIN THE PICKETS**

Workers unite and win
Resist racism, sexism,
nationalism and division.

WORKERS CHANGE THE WORLD





To close the whole factory down, let's picket every gate.

United, workers can win.

Workers start where they are. They start with what they are already doing well.

They demand living wages and good conditions.

They work together to build local actions.

Then workers can broaden their struggle. This increases their strength.

They can link up with workers with similar demands at other sites and other countries.

Workers can make a global picketline.

They look for the right workers to talk around the table. They discuss their struggles together.

Workers map where in the world actions will hurt their company the most with the least damage to workers. These "choke points" can be thought of as factory gates. Where does the company operate and where are its facilities? Where do its raw materials come from? How are they transported? Where does critical assembly and processing happen? Where are workers the strongest?

Workers plan actions and place pickets wherever they will have the most effect. They build one worldwide struggle.

The workers, united, will never be defeated.

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