

Irish Congress of Trade Unions:

# Scrap Welfare Reform - Why we need to stop the Welfare Reform Bill

A half day seminar, Wednesday 1 October 2014  
Wellington Park Hotel, 9.30 – 1.00pm

Confirmed speakers include:

- Dave Anderson, MP for Blaydon
- Stephen Hepburn, MP for Jarrow
- John McDonnell, MP for Hayes and Harlington
- Ellen Clifford, Inclusion London
- John McNally, PCS
- Maria Morgan, NIC ICTU
- Lynn Carvill, Empty Purse Campaign



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# WELFARE REFORM IS ALREADY A FAILURE!

Where welfare reform has been implemented, it has been a disaster.

- **Universal Credit** – Millions of pounds have already been wasted on botched computer systems to administer UC. Over 1 million cases were meant to have been processed by now – they have managed just 11,000.
- **Disability Living Allowance** – has been cut by 20% and renamed the 'Personal Independence Payment'. Over a quarter of a million people living and WORKING with a disability are receiving NOTHING while they await assessment for this new payment.
- **Bedroom Tax** – This reform was so ill-conceived that the House of Commons has already started to reverse its implementation.

## Why we need to save Northern Ireland from Welfare Reform

- Our public services are not in crisis because of Welfare Reform. They are in crisis because they have endured four years of cuts forced on us by this Westminster government.
- The Tory/Lib-Dem Austerity programme has slashed funding for vital public services and sucked billions from the NI economy. Now they want to do more damage.
- Welfare reform will not only affect the most vulnerable in our society, its effects will be felt by every family across Northern Ireland.
- Devolution gives our politicians the power to stop this assault on the Welfare State. They should stand up for Northern Ireland rather than cower in the corner.



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