



## WORKS

# How to Deal with the Cost of Living Hike Your Local Black Queers (2022)

*Several copies of this 28 page A6 zine were packaged in bubble bags and dropped off anonymously at various social centres in London, England in the Summer of 2022, adorned with a Circle A graphic over the backdrop of defaced British Currency.*

### THE COST OF LIVING IS RISING THE GOVERNMENT IS FUCKING US OVER YET AGAIN NO SURPRISE

People are in outrage. Gas prices are soaring in British households. Councils are upping their tax bills. National Insurance [Ed. *An additional income tax, spun as being used to pay for Welfare for workers*] is increasing. Interest rates are doubling. Inflation is at its highest rate in 30 years. The price of consumer goods is experiencing a surge. Altogether are going to be spending much much much more on basic necessities. But don't worry, the chancellor (*now Prime Minister*) Rishi Sunak plans to alleviate it all with a "generous" £200 gift. Oh, did I say gift, I meant compulsory loan.

The government wants to dress up the Hike in prices as unavoidable due to the financial cost of the pandemic, when, in reality, it would rather squeeze every last bit of our already crumbled stability. Meanwhile, companies like Shell and BP continue to make disgustingly large profits without paying any tax on their North Sea operations.

We all live inside a stinking carcass, which swallows up all living things in order to power its phoney movement.

The state will never be on our side: it's just a board of gluttonous fools that seek delight in moving the dial further into the pit of austerity. We cannot rely on them. Not now, not ever. They are the ones that rely on us to power their oppressive machine. How do you stop the machine? You break its machinery through direct action. This is anything that attacks the vulnerability of a system, small or large scale.

