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SMILE**

Show me a man with head held high and
I'll show you a man who can't get used
to bifocals.

□ **PEOPLE**

Anti-poverty group employs locally produced video

*Fair Work will be
used as part of
national campaign*

By Tom Gavey

The Intelligencer

A national campaign against workfare this fall will feature a video written and produced in Belleville.

Fair Work is based on the play written by city playwright and activist Paul Kirby and has been endorsed by the National Anti-Poverty Organization. It will be part of their Canada-wide campaign against workfare which will include the mailing of 10,000 tabloids to various government agencies.

The video was shot in Belleville's Corby Park this sum-

mer.

Kirby's play tells the story of a welfare recipient forced into a workfare program who is paid a visit by a member of parliament looking for a "media opportunity." The MP gets more than he bargained for.

For those who want to see it live, Fair Work will be performed live this week as part of Healthy Communities Week, performed in conjunction with Fraud, a tale of so-called welfare snitch lines and fraud cops.

Kirby also wrote Fraud and says the play's a response to the provincial government's plans to initiate a province-wide hot line to

report alleged welfare cheats.

Both plays will be performed Tuesday at Tabernacle United Church at 7 p.m.

There is no admission charge, but organizers are asking for donations to the Gleaners Food Bank.

The performances are part of efforts by Open Stage Theatre and Popular Education Company, based at Foster Avenue. It produces and performs popular theatre on social justice issues.

Other plays performed during the group's tours include All I Want For Christmas Is A Job At Wal-Mart — about people lining up for jobs with the U.S. retailer; The Interview, which deals with racism; How Peter Gzowski Saved My Life One Morningside — about the effects of prolonged unemployment on mental health and Punching Judy which addresses wife assault.



Paul Kirby