

Not one job or one service to be cut Build the fightback!

EVERY TIME you switch on the TV there is yet more gloomy news about cuts – mostly handed out by millionaires; big business bosses laying off workers to maximise their profit, or their pals in parliament who do their bidding.

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But it's not those millionaires who will suffer. Their world is protected one way or another by the depth of their posh wallets. The recently sacked Lord Young actually got it right – for his lot. They have “never had it so good”. The richest 1,000 people saw their wealth increase by a third during this “so-called recession”. Sales of luxury goods are up this year. Their kids, clever or not, will get to university.

Meanwhile, for the rest of us, every-

thing we have is uncertain. How will we pay the mortgage if our jobs go? How can teenagers stay on at school with no EMA payments? How can they go to university when fees are skyrocketing?

Will we be thrown out of our council flat when our kids grow up? What new punishment and humiliation faces us if we cannot find work when there are no jobs out there?

It feels like everything is at risk of being cut or privatised – or both. And they want us to meekly go to the jobs slaughter. They want us to silently endure the poverty.

Well, the NSSN says No! We are going to fight to stop all cuts. We will not pay for the bosses' greed and their rapacious gambling-house system. We are going to launch a national campaign with a real fighting strategy to win.

That is why we have called an NSSN Anti-Cuts Conference on Sat-

urday 22 January 2011 in London.

We want to welcome hundreds of delegates from:

- Trade union branches, workplace reps, trades councils because trade unions are the bedrock of the fightback
- Youth and student unions, fighting for their future
- Local anti-cuts campaigns that are springing up all over the country to stop the loss of local services, along with tenants groups, pensioners, health and school campaigns

We invite ALL to come and take part in the debates about how we can stop local councillors wielding the axes the coalition government has handed them. And how we can build a force that will bring confidence to all workers to take up the struggle in their own workplace, college or estate.

These cuts can be stopped.

National anti-cuts conference

Saturday 22 January 2011

11.30am – 3.30pm

South Camden Community School,
Charrington Street, London NW1 1RG
(by Euston Station)

The NSSN is the union rank and file body founded by the RMT transport union in 2007. It has organised annual national conferences since then involving hundreds of trade unionists. The NSSN is active locally, regionally and nationally, pulling together workers in struggle. We say not one job or one service should be cut. Never has there been a greater need for coordinated action.



what we stand for

The Socialist Party fights for socialist change – a democratic society run for the needs of all and not the profits of a few. We also fight, in our day-to-day campaigning, for every possible improvement for working-class people.

As capitalism dominates the globe, the struggle for genuine socialism must be international.

The Socialist Party is part of the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI), a democratic, socialist international that organises in over 40 countries.

Our demands include:

Work & Income

- Trade union struggle to increase the minimum wage to £8 an hour without exemptions as an immediate step towards £10 an hour. For an annual increase in the minimum wage linked to average earnings.
- All workers, including part-timers, temps, casual and migrant workers to have trade union rates of pay, employment protection, and sickness and holiday rights from day one of employment.
- An immediate 50% increase in the state retire-

ment pension, as a step towards a living pension. Reinstatement the link with average earnings now.

- Reject 'Welfare to Work'. For the right to decent benefits, education, training, or a job, without compulsion.
- Scrap the anti-trade union laws! For fighting trade unions, democratically controlled by their members. Full-time union officials to be regularly elected and receive no more than a worker's wage.
- A maximum 35-hour week with no loss of pay.

Public services

- No to privatisation and the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). Renationalise all privatised utilities and services, with compensation paid only on the basis of proven need.
- Fully fund all services and run them under accountable, democratic committees that include representatives of service workers and users.
- Free, publicly run, good quality education, available to all at any age. Abolish university tuition fees now and introduce a living grant. No to academies!
- A socialist NHS to provide for everyone's health needs – free at the point of use and under democratic control. Kick out private contractors!

- Keep council housing publicly owned. For a massive building programme of publicly-owned housing, on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide good quality homes with low rents.

Environment

- Major research and investment into replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy and into ending the problems of early obsolescence and unrecycled waste.
- Public ownership of the energy generating industries. No to nuclear power. No to Trident.
- A democratically planned, low fare, publicly-owned transport system, as part of an overall plan against environmental pollution.

Rights

- Oppose discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, disability, sexuality, age, and all other forms of prejudice.
- Repeal all laws that trample over civil liberties. For the right to protest! End police harassment.
- Defend abortion rights. For a woman's right to choose when and whether to have children.
- For the right to asylum. No to racist immigration laws.

New workers' party

- For a new mass workers' party drawing together workers, young people and activists from workplace, community, environmental and anti-war campaigns, to provide a fighting, political alternative to the pro-big business parties.
- Trade unions to disaffiliate from the Labour Party now and aid the building of a new workers' party!

Socialism and Internationalism

- No to imperialist wars and occupations. Withdraw the troops immediately from Iraq and Afghanistan!
- Tax the super-rich! For a socialist government to take into public ownership the top 150 companies and banks that dominate the British economy, and run them under democratic working-class control and management. Compensation to be paid only on the basis of proven need.
- A democratic socialist plan of production based on the interests of the overwhelming majority of people, and in a way that safeguards the environment.
- No to the bosses' neo-liberal European Union! For a socialist Europe and a socialist world!