

# MARCH FOR A FUTURE

## Join the demonstrations on 29 January

**D**AVID CAMERON has declared he'll deliver "the most pro-business...agenda ever unleashed by a government". Promising to create new jobs and growth, it seems that this cabinet of millionaires does believe that there should be opportunities available - for the bosses at least.

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This government is hell bent on making ordinary working and middle class youth pay a heavy price for the failures of their profit system.

Maybe they want young people to do the same as their brothers and sisters in Ireland - attempt to escape the misery by seeking to emigrate to find work and opportunities elsewhere. Maybe they think they'll get away with condemning young people to a life of poverty and desolation.

Whatever they think, we should remember that it is a weak government and MPs live in a different world to us. They underestimate the huge anger that's brewing and the ability and energy of young people to fight back.

2011 will be a tumultuous year for the anti-cuts movement and we'll see more and more young people joining the fightback.

Already inspired by the student movement towards the end of last year, many are now ready for action themselves.

The PCS young members' network has shown that young people are drawn towards trade unions that advocate a fighting programme on jobs, pay and conditions and that they will get active so long as they can be involved in decision making.

We have a network of young workers across the country and are playing a vital role in anti-cuts campaigns as well as working with students and young workers from other unions.

The demonstration in Manchester on 29 January will be an important step forward in uniting young workers, unemployed people and students in the fight for a decent future. After the Manchester demonstration was called, a second, on the same day, has been organised in London specifically on education issues.

Only by linking up the various struggles and groups around a fighting programme can we roll back the tidal wave of attacks raining down on young people. We urge students and young workers to join us on 29 January in Manchester and London.

**PCS will be organising transport to the events. Contact the regional PCS office or Tracy Edwards by emailing [tracy@pcs.org.uk](mailto:tracy@pcs.org.uk) for more details. PCS welcomes other unions contributing to transport arrangements.**

See [www.youthfightforjobs.com](http://www.youthfightforjobs.com)



PCS young members join a Youth Fight for Jobs demonstration in 2009.

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## 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 of 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!