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cutlery. Tea, coffee and cold drinks
will be available all day and there will
be a burger bar in the evening.
Tell us how many adults and chil-
dren you are booking for and the
children's ages.

Gloucestershire NHS All SET for privatisation?

Chris Moore
Gloucestershire Socialist Party

Outside Stroud general hospital,
Gloucestershire, there were angry
shouts of 'keep out the private pro-
fiteers' from over 100 protesters on
28 July. But the next day, 70 miles
away in Taunton, managers from
the South West Strategic Health Au-
thority were rubber-stamping plans
to move NHS services from seven
Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Social
Enterprise Trusts (SETs).
The provision of community,
social care, adult, children's, men-
tal health and other services from
across the south west from Swindon

to the Isle of Scilly is being taken out
of the NHS. SETs are run as busi-
nesses, despite the 'non-profit' tag.
But after three years, contracts
for services will go out to tender
and SETs may have to compete with
private health multinationals that
could easily undercut SETs on price.
Entrepreneurship Monitor found
that SETs were twice as likely to fail
as conventional companies.
Staff will have to leave the NHS
and transfer to the SET. Terms and
conditions are only safe temporar-
ily, the NHS pension scheme could
be affected and nationally agreed
pay increases would be lost.
Staff are supposed to be consult-
ed but despite the Unison union's

requests, Gloucestershire PCT only
conducted a poorly publicised sur-
vey not a ballot. Of those who took
part, most said they had 'concerns
about these plans', but the transfer
to the SET was presented as a done
deal.
NHS managers are sneaking
through these changes, which come
into effect on 1 October. Disgrace-
fully there is no obligation to consult
the local community.
Our NHS is being privatised be-
hind closed doors. We must fight to
save it.
Unison has halted SET transfer in
some regions, but needs a national
policy backed with the threat of in-
dustrial action if necessary.



photo Andy Causon

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Leeds Slutwalk: "It's a dress, not a yes"

Tanis Belsham-Wray
Leeds Trinity Union Women's Officer,
personal capacity

Over 50 people took part in Leeds
Slutwalk to protest against the false
view that rape is partly the fault of
the victim because of the way they
dress. This followed other Slutwalk
protests across the globe, from To-
ronto to London and elsewhere in
the UK.

People gathered outside Leeds art
gallery and the crowd heard about
the extent of cases of sexual harass-
ment in Yorkshire.
A poll has shown that 25% of
people think rape is the fault of
the woman and the clothing she is
wearing.
The protesters, old and young,
men and women, carried placards
like "It's a dress, not a yes" and
"Feminism isn't dead".
We marched through the streets

of Leeds making sure our voices
were heard with the chant: "What-
ever we wear, wherever we go: yes
means yes and no means no!"
The march ended at Leeds Unity
Day Fair, which is a community
event initiated after the riots in Hyde
Park in 1995.
Unity is needed with both stu-
dents and workers, young and old
to help build the fight against not
just oppression but the capitalist
system.

Waltham Forest: a victory for working class unity

Sarah Sachs-Eldridge
Walthamstow Socialist Party

Waltham Forest, a north east Lon-
don borough, saw a victory for
working class unity against division
on Saturday 30 July.
Rumours of a march by the di-
visive Muslims Against Crusades
(MAC) and of a counter march by
the racist English Defence League
(EDL) prompted local activists to

organise a more prominent cam-
paigning event. Neither the EDL nor
MAC offers any solution to the prob-
lems faced by working class people.
The MAC and EDL were due to
come to the square at midday but
the only groups who dared to enter
the area in an organised way were
those, such as the Waltham Forest
Anti-Cuts Union, socialists, trade
unionists and campaigners, who
stand for unity of all working class
people against the enormous cuts to

jobs, services and living standards
and against racism.
In the end it seems that a small
group of MAC supporters managed
an attempt at a march and that a few
EDL members sat in a local pub -
but their stated plans were certainly
not carried through.
This was good preparation for
the mass working class action that
must be built to stop the racist EDL
marching in Tower Hamlets, east
London on 3 September.

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