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# BOSSES PROSPER, WORKERS SUFFER...

### Come to Socialism 2011 - join the fightback!



Socialism 2011 is a weekend of discussion and debate which takes place at ULU, London WC1 on 5 and 6 November. Tickets available on the day: £30 full weekend (£15 concessions) including a social event on Saturday after the rally. Rally £5 only.

see www.socialism2011.net for full programme and essential information

World in crisis: Fight for socialism. The Saturday rally is the centrepiece of Socialism 2011. It takes place from 6.30-8.30pm on 5 November at Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, NW1. Speakers include **Clare Daly TD** (MP), Socialist Party Ireland; **Peter Taaffe**, Socialist Party general secretary; a Tunisian trade unionist, Occupy Wall Street and London SX activists and Jarrow YFJ marchers.

## Join the 30 Nov strike

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recent survey of top 100 FTSE chief executives has shown that in the last year these bosses have received, on average, 50% pay rises. Top company boss Martin Sorrell had the brass neck to complain that his £1 million basic salary was "very low"!

This at a time when many workers have had to endure pay freezes especially in the public sector. In some cases, such as Southampton City and Hampshire county council, workers face pay cuts. Most of these workers are already some of the lowest paid. In the private sector as well, those who have received any pay rises have seen them more than wiped out by price inflation.

It's a disgrace that the parasites at the top can award themselves such huge rises while at the same time calling for further cuts in public spending, leading to more job losses and attacks on workers' terms and conditions.

The fat cats have tried to defend themselves by claiming that their salaries and bonuses are set by in-



Fight the cuts in pay, jobs and pensions photos Paul Mattsson

dependent pay review boards. But the bosses sit on each others' review boards where they recommend huge pay increases for each other!

They have even claimed that their massive pay rises are down to 'performance, yet the system they head is in crisis. If their pay is linked to

performance they should be paying us for the mess they've created!

Cameron and Clegg have expressed 'concern' over pay inequalities but working class people won't be fooled by this. The Con-Dems are determined to make the poorest people in society pay for the bankers' greed and the failures of capitalism.

### Socialism

All of the three main parties support the current system and are in favour of cuts, yet none of them will ever seriously tackle the greed of the bosses. This is because they are part of the same corrupt class that benefits from the status quo and allows the obscenity of growing inequalities to continue.

The only way to end the corporate greed and massive pay inequality is to end the profit system itself.

On 30 November millions of public sector workers will take strike action to defend our pensions. We need to link this struggle to the fight to protect jobs and services and for decent pay for all workers.

However, only by fighting for socialism will we finally be able to end the misery of low pay for the majority and the disgusting spectacle of over-paid bosses and millionaire politicians telling us that 'we are all in it together'.

