

UKIP: Just another establishment party



"UKIP is neither in favour of workers' rights, public services or welfare. If people are looking for an alternative, UKIP isn't it."

Bob Crow, RMT general secretary

"On dismantling the NHS, giving bosses greater freedom to sack staff, destroying the welfare state, in fact all the rightwing crazy issues, there are Tories in Westminster who politically prefer Farage to Cameron."

Kevin Maguire, Daily Mirror columnist

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UKIP has benefited from the protest votes of millions of people disgusted by MPs and MEPs that preach austerity while filling their own back pocket.

But UKIP is another establishment party run by and for millionaires. Up to one quarter of its funding has come from sexist shipping tycoon Demetri Marchessini, who has published a book to argue that women shouldn't be allowed to wear trousers!

Fat cat backing

Fat cat and former Tory party member Paul Sykes has pledged to give millions of pounds to UKIP for the 2014 elections, after giving them £1.5 million in 2004. Sykes has an estimated fortune of £650 million.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage - who was a Tory party member until 1992 - is also a millionaire, who, like most of the Tory cabinet, was privately educated. He followed his stockbroker dad into becoming a city trader.

Expenses hypocrisy

In 2009, Farage said he had claimed over £2 million of expenses as an MEP. In 2012, UKIP MEPs claimed £800,000 in expenses.

In 2003, Farage set up a tax-avoiding offshore trust account for his share in the family firm, Farage Limited, from which £969,000 of dividends were paid out over the next ten years.

Low tax for the rich

No wonder UKIP want to further cut corporation tax (repeatedly slashed since the 70s by Tory, New Labour and Con-Dem governments).

They would also abolish inheritance tax (which will only benefit the children of the rich) and set a flat-rate tax, meaning that low paid workers have to pay the same rate as bankers and politicians.

The last time a government set such a flat-rate tax – the poll tax – it resulted in mass non-payment and the resignation of prime minister Margaret Thatcher.

More cuts for the rest of us

UKIP's tax cuts for the rich would mean further cuts in public services and welfare, while the fat cats further increase their wealth.

UKIP is not concerned by the Con-Dems' break up and privatisation of the NHS – instead they want to introduce vouchers to use outside the NHS.



Local elections: Vote for a real alternative - vote TUSC

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition, which includes the RMT tranport workers' union and the Socialist Party, is standing in the 2014 local elections to give a real alternative.

Our candidates are workers, trade unionists, the disabled, the unemployed, anti-cuts campaigners: people hit by and fighting back against

the cuts – unlike the Con-Dems, Labour and UKIP. All TUSC councillors will:

- Vote against cuts to jobs and services and instead fight for the resources that our communities need – make the banksters pay for their crisis!
- Call for rent controls instead of benefit caps.
 Councils should refuse to implement the bedroom tax and all other housing benefit cuts, and write off all related arrears
- Oppose selling-off council estates and will fight

for a mass building programme of affordable public housing

- Push councils to use their legal powers to oppose government privatisation and cuts, especially in our NHS, including referring decisions to the health secretary and/or initiating local referenda
- Campaign for the introduction of a Living Wage above the minimum wage, including for council employees and those working for council contractors
- Support all workers' struggles against the cuts and privatisation
- Reject increases in council tax, rent and service charges to compensate for government cuts
- Vote against the privatisation of council jobs and services
- Oppose racism and fascism and stand up for equality for all



European elections: Vote No2EU - Yes To Workers' Rights

While TUSC is standing in local elections, for the European elections the Socialist Party is supporting No2EU – Yes To Workers' Rights, which is led by the RMT union.

No2EU opposes the proprivatisation, pro-profiteering, anti-worker policies of the European Union.

No2EU says:

• Yes to workers' rights



- Exit the EU on the basis of socialist policies
- Reject EU treaties and policies that privatise our public services
- No to public spending cuts whether they come from Brussels or Britain
- Repeal anti-trade union rulings by the European Court of Justice and the EU
- Yes to international solidarity of working people



