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# ORGANISE TO TAKE ON THE TORIES!

## FIGHT TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE CUTS AND THE ANTI-UNION LAWS

Junior Doctors, teachers, lecturers, civil servants, housing workers, prison officers and many other workers have been taking action against the Tories and the employers. The NSSN Conference is a vital event to bring together hundreds of trade union and anti-cuts activists to organise to fight back against Cameron's cuts and anti-union laws and the bosses' offensive. This will be a major theme of the annual NSSN conference – our 10th – on July 2nd. There will be a whole number of workshops on topics such as: how young workers fight back, housing, the NHS, education, organising migrant workers. And more. Join our fight.

# Come to the 10th annual NSSN conference

**Saturday 2 July** 11am-4.30pm **Conway Hall** 25 Red Lion Square Holborn **London** WC1R 4RL
**Speakers include: Ronnie Draper** BFAWU General Secretary **Matt Wrack** FBU General Secretary **Janice Godrich** PCS President **Chris Baugh** PCS Assistant General Secretary **Sean Hoyle** RMT President **Steve Gillan** POA General Secretary **Yannis Gourtsoyannis** BMA junior doctors committee national executive

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The Tory Trade Union Bill has completed its journey through the Parliamentary process to become law. Disgracefully, the TUC has not organised a single national demonstration against the Bill. In reality, the Tories recognise the potential power of the unions, still with over 6 million members, to be the major barrier to their cuts. But to fulfil this potential requires mass demonstrations and co-ordinated strike action. The heroic struggle of the Junior Doctors only emphasises how broad layers in society could be united in a movement against this weak, divided and tainted government.

Instead of such a mass campaign, the TUC's opposition has been reduced to lobbying the House of Lords. They celebrate the pruning of some aspects of the Bill. But still enshrined in it are the utterly undemocratic voting thresholds that, if applied to local government, would mean that hardly a councillor would be elected, as are measures to victimise lead pickets.

The NSSN calls for an emergency TUC Congress to discuss how the Act can be resisted. This is what happened when previous Tory PM Heath brought in the Industrial Relations Act in 1971 which was subsequently defeated after a whole series of strikes. Such a congress, which should be opened to thousands of shop stewards and union reps, could be a 'Council of War' that takes inspiration from the Junior Doctors and teachers whose ballot for strikes against forced academies pushed the Tories into another U-turn, although the battle to defend education and teachers' pay and conditions continues.

**Fight for a 24-hour general strike**
It's becoming increasingly clear that workers are up for the fight. There are disputes breaking out every week – but how do we bring them all together? Prison officers without a legal right to strike have walked out against brutal staff cuts, while PCS museum staff in Wales have been on all-out strike. Steelworkers are supporting the NSSN's call for 100% nationalisation to save their jobs and communities, while blacklisted construction workers have won millions of pounds after an incredible seven-year struggle for justice.
It's a disgrace that on the very day that marked the 90th anniversary of the 1926 General Strike, the Tories have been able to bring in the most serious attack on unions for three decades with hardly a squeak from the TUC and many union leaders. But the NSSN along with thousands of union activists will be fighting for mass action on the scale of a 24-hour general strike to defeat the Tories, their cuts and the anti-union laws.

## REGISTRATION FORM £6 registration fees

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