11 September, Ashdown Suite, Holiday Inn, 137 King’s Rd, Brighton
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Confirmed speakers to date:
● Labour shadow chancellor
JOHN MCDONNELL
● PCS President
JANICE GODRICH
● BFAWU General Secretary
RONNIE DRAPER
● POA General Secretary
STEVE GILLAN
● RMT general secretary
MICK CASH

It’s time to get organised! Cameron and Osborne – the architects of the most brutal austerity offensive for 90 years are history! Boris’s leadership ambitions are in tatters and Farage has resigned. The EU Referendum result has plunged the Tories into crisis.

The Tories’ weakness makes the attempted Blairite coup against Jeremy Corbyn all the more unforgivable - it needs to be defeated.

The National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) gives full support to Jeremy and John McDonnell. Like tens of thousands of working class people who have joined solidarity #KeepCorbyn protests and meetings over the summer, we see Owen Smith’s challenge as an attempt by the Blairites to turn the political clock back to when Labour was a reliable tool of the establishment.

We hope that the NSSN rally, with John McDonnell speaking, can play a part in helping to mobilise trade unionists against the coup.

The NSSN is supported by the following national trade unions...
May’s Tory government is without authority nor legitimacy yet they still intend to plough on with the cuts. We have to get ALL the Tories out but how? We need to bring together all the struggles against the Tories.

Teachers and lecturers finished the academic year on strike with plans for more action in the autumn term. Junior doctors have voted by nearly 60% to reject an inadequate deal but the Tories still intend to impose it. We can’t let them fight alone. We need mass co-ordinated strike action to bring together these struggles and the many others that are taking place every week.

This has been a hot summer – industrially at least! Amongst the whole number of disputes, RMT members have been on strike in Southern Rail, ScotRail and Eurostar.

There has been an explosive mood amongst teaching assistants, especially in Durham and Derby against massive pay cuts of up to 23%! And we have seen victorious strikes by low-paid and precarious workers in the City of London and by couriers at Deliveroo. Construction workers at the Fawley refinery showed how attempts to whip up racism can be defeated by militant unions, when they secured equal pay for migrant workers on the job.

All these actions and more are the perfect response to the Tory Trade Union Bill and show how the unions could defeat the Tories’ austerity and their anti-union laws, particularly if we fight together.

What is the National Shop Stewards Network + why should you get involved

The NSSN was initiated in 2006 by the RMT and its then general secretary Bob Crow in 2006. Now nine national unions – RMT, PCS, CWU, NUM, POA, NUJ, BFAWU, NAPO & FBU – officially support our campaigning work, as well as many union branches, shop stewards committees and trades councils.

We have consistently campaigned for mass co-ordinated strike action to oppose Tory austerity and, alongside the militant unions we work with, we have popularised the idea of a 24-hour general strike.

For the 7th year, we are organising a rally before the start of TUC Congress – which this year is in Brighton. It is open to Congress delegates and all trade union and anti-cuts campaigners. We will be supporting Congress motions that argue for the mass action that can take on this weak and divided Tory government.