

# Scottish Socialist Party

**EIS  
Members'  
Voice**



## UNITE WITH OTHER UNIONS AGAINST CUTS

**85% of Scots voted NO TO TORIES...defy the Tories' cuts**

**Tories have no right to rule and ruin Scotland**



The election of the Tories - the Twin Tories, with the treacherous LibDems joining forces with the Tory Butchers - marks a new threat to education workers, education services and communities.

We all face a level of carnage to jobs, conditions and services not experienced since Thatcher at her most rampant.

Cameron and Clegg have lost no time in pronouncing their top priority is to cut public spending.

These upper class butchers want to wield the axe to jobs, pay, pensions, benefits, public services - to enrich their own class even further.

**Cameron's claims that "we ALL face pain for years to come" is false to the core.**

The bankers who enjoyed a bountiful handout from public funds don't face 'pain' - for instance, 100 of them at the RBS recently awarded themselves a £1m bonus EACH!

The richest 1,000 fatcats whose incomes rocketed by 30% last year, to £353billion! - do not face 'hard choices' or 'painful decisions'.

It's Scotland's 630,000 public sector workers, alongside workers in the private sector, our families, our communities, who face a massacre - unless a united, determined, militant campaign of resistance is built, starting now!

**In resisting the cuts, EIS and other unions need two central guiding principles: unity in action is our best defence - and a convincing set of policies to explode the myth that cuts are unavoidable.**

Teachers, civil servants, council and NHS workers have marched and taken strike action against cuts. It would be fatal if these fights were kept separate and apart, or if ANY union adopted the notion that cuts are inevitable - but 'not in OUR service'. That would weaken the resistance and guarantee cuts to ALL services.

So SSP members in the EIS (and in all other unions) strongly advocate UNITED ACTION - across all public sector unions and alongside community groups, anti-cuts campaigns, Save Our Schools campaigns...

**EIS and other unions should build a united public rally on Saturday 26th June, after new levels of carnage are announced in the 22nd June Butchers' Budget - as a springboard for building a mass march in the autumn, when even more cuts will be announced in the government's Spending Review.**

Such events would help build the fighting morale of tens of thousands who right now are terrified of what the future holds.

Equally important in building a rebellion against cuts from a government that has no mandate in Scotland - with 85% voting against the Tories - is a convincing set of policies that exposes the lie that cuts are necessary and unavoidable - a monstrous lie peddled not only by the Tories and LibDems, but also New Labour and the SNP! Otherwise many people will fall for the argument that there's not enough money to defend jobs and services, that cuts are a necessary evil - and then fall out amongst themselves over where the cuts should occur.

That divide-and-conquer trickery lies behind the Tory plan to "consult" people over what to cut!

**There is no need for ANY cuts!** There are oceans of wealth swilling around - but in the hands of the bankers, billionaires and boardrooms of oil companies - not in the hands of the public.

The SSP fights for alternatives that would create jobs, improve services, protect conditions [see box]. Commit EIS to action against the cuts - alongside other unions - and argue for socialist policies that would fund the expansion of jobs and services. And join the SSP - for an independent socialist Scotland.

### there's load-samoney!

The socialist case put by the SSP is grounded in hard facts. Here are examples of how taxing the rich and democratic public ownership could generate the funds to defend every job, create new jobs, protect and improve wages - and expand services:

■ a modest 10% tax on the richest 1,000 fatcats (whose wealth rocketed by 30% to £353billion last year) would raise an extra £35bn a year - enough to create 1.4 million jobs on £25,000!

■ a return to pre-Thatcher levels of Corporation Tax (it was 52% - now 28%) would raise an extra £200billion a year.

■ pre-Thatcher tax on the very rich (83%) would mean £75billion extra a year.

■ democratic public ownership of the banks would release £560billion of OUR cash immediately - and £5trillion in assets - imagine the expansion of schools, universities, jobs and salaries that could fund!

**Join the SSP - the only party that has a clean record of fighting cuts and supporting workers in struggle since 1998.**

for more material on community and trade union struggles - and socialist policies to combat mass unemployment, low pay, rent rises, public service cuts, privatisation, and the attempts to make workers pay for the bosses' crisis, visit:

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# unite, resist and defeat the Tory cuts!

## government of the rich, by the rich, for the rich

A mere 7% of the population can buy the privilege of a private school education. But 60% of Posh Boys Dave and Nick's Cabinet did! Half the cabinet are millionaires - 4 are ex-bankers - 70% of them went to Oxbridge. So no wonder they have slashed £6bn from jobs, pay and services already - with far worse to come on 22nd June in the Butchers' Budget - and forecasts of from £1.1 billion to £1.5 billion cuts to the Scottish budget next year!  
What is the SNP government going to do about this carnage?

They have delayed £333m until next year already. But will they use their position as the Scottish government to defy the Tories, mobilise communities and trade unionists in a mass rebellion not seen since the defeat of the Poll Tax - which is what the SSP would do in their position. Or will the SNP just indulge in empty words and then carry out the cuts?  
The Scottish Socialist Party is pushing for defiance, for mass trade union marches, and ultimately for an independent socialist Scotland - free from Tory Butchery.



**The SSP fights for:**  
 ● unity against cuts  
 ● unity against racism and fascism



● an independent socialist Scotland  
 ● internationalism



Civil servants have been on strike against job losses and cuts to redundancy terms. Teachers marched against education cuts. UNISON held a demo in defence of public services. Now the unions should call a united rally after the Butchers' Budget on 22nd June - and build a mass March against the cuts in the autumn. Unite and defy the cuts!

## TWENTY'S PLENTY IN ANY CLASS!

**The Scottish Socialist Party has an unrivalled track record of standing up for kids, communities and education.** We have consistently fought school closures that lead to larger classes, job losses, increased stress for staff, worse education. We have led several Save Our Schools campaigns, uniting parents, communities and trade unionists - demanding smaller classes and investment in community-based schools within easy, safe reach of children's homes. We led the mass opposition to **Labour's school closures in Glasgow** last year. During that campaign we popularised the slogan "Twenty's Plenty in any class", and lobbied the SNP government to pass legislation

to limit classes to 20 for all age groups. At the recent **STUC Congress**, SSP members pushed this policy and won the backing of the conference for a campaign for classes of 20 maximum for all. In **East Dunbartonshire**, when the Labour-Tory Coalition announced closure of 8 primaries last week, the SSP called a protest demo and public meeting to set up a Save Our Schools campaign. 150 local people joined the demo, the councillors took fright, and shelved their butchery - for now! EIS shares the SSP's policy of 20 max in a class. **The time is rotten-ripe for the EIS leadership to lead action in support of this policy - including industrial action.**

## SSP STANDS UP FOR SCOTLAND

The Scottish Socialist Party stands up for working class people. As part of our battle for a democratic, nuclear-free, poverty-free, independent socialist Scotland, we demand:

- no cuts to jobs and services - demand the funds off Holyrood and Westminster - tax the rich to bail out services, not bankers' profits
- for free, quality child-care provision, round the clock
- cut class sizes - not schools and education - 20's plenty in any class - save our schools and communities
- increase pensions and benefits £50 a week as an immediate emergency step towards a living income for all
- for an £8 national minimum wage for all workers and trainees over 16 - end age wage discrimination - equal pay for women
- cuts hours - not jobs or pay - for a 35hour maximum working week without loss of earnings
- scrap Trident - invest in homes, hospitals and schools - not weapons of mass destruction - with jobs guaranteed through peaceful alternative work for all at Faslane
- reverse Tory and Labour privatisation - for democratic public ownership and control of services, banks, transport, construction, major industries, N Sea oil - for people not profit
- for an independent socialist Scotland - as part of a socialist Europe

**JOIN the SSP: the only party that has fought alongside trade unionists since 1998**

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