

# Scottish Socialist Party

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## unite and defy ALL Coalition, Labour and SNP cuts BUILD MASS DEMO & ONE-DAY PUBLIC SECTOR STRIKE IN OCTOBER

### NO CUTS - tax the rich - EXPAND jobs and services!

The strike by 750,000 public sector workers on J30 is the biggest united action by workers in 30 years. It's the most decisive challenge the millionaires' Demolition Coalition has yet faced. The courage and unity of those on strike - supported by countless others joining the strikers' anti-cuts rallies - lays the foundations for even bigger, broader action in the autumn.

And that is what is needed: unity in strike action, demos and occupations is key to stopping the slaughter of jobs, benefits, services, pay - and the Great Pensions Robbery.

The upper-class boot-boys in the Tory and Yellow Tory Cabinet are clearly rattled by united strike action - even more than by mass demos. That explains their thuggish threats of even worse anti-union laws in a country that already has the most

undemocratic employment laws in Europe. But contrary to the mealy-mouthed "advice" of Labour's Miliband and Ed Balls about "not falling into the Tory trap", it is a proven fact that weakness invites aggression. Failure by the EIS union leadership to oppose £45m cuts has since led to even more horrendous attacks on teachers from COSLA. Those union leaders who kidded themselves into believing they could negotiate their way out of a crisis have had a rude awakening with the announcement of barbaric attacks on pension rights - the demand that workers pay far more, for far less, for far longer.

**Those who courageously walked out today can now play a critical part in building even bigger, broader action against the cuts.**

Public sector unions, and the STUC, should coordinate a

systematic approach by PCS strikers and others to public (AND private) sector workplaces, with leaflets and union-organised workplace meetings, to bury the lies surrounding the cuts and to **build for a mass STUC Demo in October - plus a one-day strike of the entire public sector that month.**

Workplace and community public meetings could nail the lies about "gold-plated pensions" - when the average civil service pension is only £4,200 - not the £14,000 a WEEK enjoyed by Fred 'The Shred' Goodwin, one of the bankers who caused the crisis workers are now asked to pay for! And explain that the additional tax on public sector workers - which is what the 50-200% hike in pension contributions is - is not even going back into pension funds, but to the Treasury, to help pay for the bankers' bailout.

**And obliterate the myth that cuts are unavoidable.**

There is plenty of wealth around, but it's in the pockets of the bankers and billionaires. The richest 100 in Scotland alone have personal wealth of £16.4billion! That's half the entire Scottish government budget for jobs and services relied upon by over 5 million Scots!

Even a modest 10% wealth tax on these 100 parasites would far exceed the £1.3bn cut to Scotland's block grant by Westminster.

**There's no excuse for ANY cuts. We demand taxation of the rich - not devastation for the rest of us.**

The resounding speeches from several union leaders about a coordinated public sector strike in the autumn now needs to be turned into action. United we can win.

**NO CUTS - tax the rich! Join the SSP.**



Taxation of the rich and big business, alongside democratic public ownership of banks, energy, construction, major industry, transport and services would allow transformation of our lives. Guaranteed jobs with a £9 minimum wage for all over 16; an end to fuel poverty; free insulation of every home; clean green production for need, not greed; free, integrated public transport; investment in schools and staff to cut class sizes to 20 or less; a living pension, with retirement at 55 - not bigger contributions, for longer, for less.

Trade unionists need a political, as well as industrial arm. The SSP is the only Scottish party that since 1998 has fought every cut by every party - uniting with PCS members in every struggle.

**JOIN US - for a cuts-free, poverty-free, clean, green, independent socialist Scotland.**

for reports on trade union struggles, socialist policies to combat cuts, and how to JOIN the SSP, visit:  
[www.scottishsocialistparty.org](http://www.scottishsocialistparty.org) & [www.comparethecounciltax.com](http://www.comparethecounciltax.com)

# DEFY ALL CUTS - build bigger, broader strikes - demand Scottish government defy the Westminster butchers - give us back our stolen £billions!

The butchers' Coalition - with 23 millionaires and 4 ex-bankers in a Cabinet of 29 - spew out the monstrous lie that cuts are "unavoidable and necessary".

The public debt is mainly the result of the £1.3trillion bankers' bailout, mass unemployment, loss of taxes. But it is still only 70% of GDP - whereas it never fell below 100% of GDP from 1918 'til 1961. Job cuts will massively add to the debt.

There are numerous "better ways" - without a penny cut in pay, benefits, pensions, or the loss of a single job or service - with vast scope to improve the shoddy system we endure already:

- scrapping the regressive Council Tax and replacing it with a Scottish Service Tax based on income would raise an extra £1.6bn a year - more than Osborne slashed off the Scottish budget! We say to the SNP government: Don't freeze the Council Tax - scrap it; tax the rich!

- £120bn A YEAR in taxes on the rich and big business are avoided, evaded or uncollected - that's 75% of the 2009 deficit!

- a modest 10% wealth tax on the richest 1,000 fatcats would raise £35bn a year - enough to create 1.4 million jobs on £25,000. The richest 100 Scots alone would cough up £1.6bn!

- restoration of tax on the richest elite and Corporations to pre-

Thatcher levels (83% and 52% respectively - a policy the SSP shares with PCS union) would raise up to £250bn a year extra.

- scrapping Trident (whilst guaranteeing Faslane workers' jobs through diversification into peaceful, socially useful work) would save £100bn.

- full and democratic public ownership of the banks would give us access to £560bn in liquid cash and £5trillion in assets.

**There is nothing unavoidable or necessary about this Coalition's butchery.** The cuts are driven by ideological hatred of public services, a ruthless intent to reverse the gains made by past working class struggles - a mission to use the whip of mass unemployment and starvation-level benefits to drive wages down even further, boosting profits even higher.

**The ultimate 'better way' is a socialist Scotland, independent of the Westminster butchers,** with democratic public ownership and control of the vast wealth and resources; an end to war and Trident; and a plan of clean, green production and services, based on people not profit.

**Join Scotland's genuine socialist alternative, the SSP; fight for an independent socialist Scotland.**



**we marched together - now strike together!**



**JOIN the SSP: the only party that has fought all cuts by all parties since 1998**

**WHY SHOULD WE PAY FOR THE BANKERS' BAILOUT?**  
there IS a better way - socialism - not service cuts

whose side are they on??...

**DEMAND DEFIANCE - NOT DESTRUCTION**

The SNP's landslide election was punishment for Tory butchery, LibDem treachery, and 13 years of vicious Labour cuts.

Hordes of Scots sought shelter from the storm of cuts by the Westminster butchers.

But when Cameron and Clegg slashed £1.3bn from Scotland's budget, the SNP spinelessly passed on these cuts - instead of defying them, leading a mass rebellion of the Scottish people with the war-cry "give us back our stolen £billions - stolen to bail out the bankers".

The SSP calls on unions, communities, students to demand the SNP use their unprecedented mandate to stop and reverse all Westminster cuts. To set 'No-Cuts' budgets in defiance of the Demolition Coalition - demanding back the £billions to balance the books - mobilising mass demos and strikes in support.

These politicians were not elected to act as Cameron's obedient servants. Demand they stand up for Scotland, for workers, for services.

As well as pounding the ConDem Cuts Coalition, a mass STUC demo and all-public sector strike in October would also put mass pressure on the SNP to defy Westminster - and challenge the SNP's public sector pay freeze and their record of cutting jobs at local and national government level.

The Scottish Socialist Party stands for an independent Scotland - independent of the Westminster butchers - a Scotland free of cuts, Trident, and wars - an independent socialist Scotland.

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