

Scottish Socialist Party

Public Sector
Workers'
Voice



BUILD UNITED PUBLIC SECTOR ACTION

● **TAX THE RICH - bail out jobs & services - not bankers' and billionaires' profits**

The **Scottish Socialist Party** applauds and helped build today's mass, united march of public sector workers and communities against cuts.

This rally should be the launch of a concerted, united campaign across the entire public sector and its unions, to pound the mainstream politicians into retreat on their savage plans to cut jobs, pay and services - hitting them hard just as they beg for our votes in the General Election.

Our message should be clear: the bankers and billionaires created the economic crisis - they should pay for it!

As well as marching in protest today, a united Day of Action across the entire public sector should be built by the union leaderships - to unite the several strands of struggle that have erupted in the face of this carnage. Because in the words of Labour's Alistair Darling of the Rich, Labour's cuts will be the most severe in over 20 years, "**deeper than Thatcher's in the 1980s**"! And if the Tories take power, they will conduct an even more frenzied massacre of jobs and services!

We face hair-raising predictions of 32,000 (1 in 8) council workers' jobs being slashed; tens of thousands more civil servants chopped; teachers facing redundancies for the first time, alongside massive teacher unemployment; redundancies by text amongst University staff; huge budget deficits in the NHS ... and absolute pay cuts of up to £2,000 for the likes of workers part-privatised by Glasgow Labour council.

**VOTE
SSP
TAX
THE
RICH**

Unlike Labour, Tories, LibDems AND the SNP - who all want working people to pay the price of the £1.3trillion bankers' bailout - the Scottish Socialist Party fights for £billions to be invested in jobs and services, not wars and bankers' profits.

The four pro-big business parties are conducting a grisly competition over whose cuts are the deepest - with an orgy of lies - claiming that public sector cuts are unavoidable and necessary. This is utter nonsense. Public sector cuts will further undermine spending power, deepen and prolong the recession.



PUBLIC MEETING

TODAY! - Sat 10 April -TODAY!
straight after UNISON Rally in Park
MEET @ SSP banner for venue

speakers: members of UNISON, PCS, EIS and Scottish Socialist Party candidates
"Tax the rich - socialism, not service cuts."
ALL WELCOME - relax & pool experiences

There are oceans of money sloshing around that could be used to secure jobs, improve services, increase pay - and close the gaping chasm of inequality that blights Scotland. For starters, 600,000 people in the UK - the richest 1% - EACH enjoy a household income of over £2.6million!

In contrast to the parties that put profit first, the SSP demands measures that would benefit the vast majority of the population - by taking the money off the billionaires and bankers. Measures such as:-

- Employment of tax staff to collect the £130billion taxes dodged and unpaid by big business and the obscenely rich.
 - A 10% wealth tax on every millionaire - to create 80,000 new jobs in Scotland alone, on £25,000 a year, for 3 years.
 - Restore Corporation Tax to the 52% it was before Thatcher and New Labour cut it (to 28%) - and top income tax to its pre-Thatcher level of 83% ... to raise hundreds of billions extra for jobs; schools with classes of 20 or less; free public transport to cut poverty and pollution; environmentally-friendly public sector house-building; an £8 minimum wage for all over 16.
 - Scrap the £75billion Trident weapons replacement plan.
 - Bring the troops home now - end the waste of around £25bn on futile, bloody wars of occupation for oil and empire.
- Send ALL the parties of cuts a clear message: tax the rich - hands off our jobs and services! And VOTE FOR AND JOIN the one party that since 1998 has consistently fought to tax the rich and take all banks, services and major industry into democratic public ownership - the Scottish Socialist Party.**

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:

www.scottishsocialistparty.org

bail out jobs & services - not bankers' profits!

workers speak out

"There seems to be a conspiracy by government, major opposition parties and the employers, to blame trade union members for the crisis - in that we are under pressure over sickness absence and efficiencies.

We are being told it's our fault. This march sends a clear message: we don't believe it is our fault - **it is their crisis and they should pay for it!**"
COLIN TURBETT, chair N Ayrshire UNISON

"A quarter of a million civil servants stood defiantly in strike action against the savage New Labour cuts to our redundancy terms on March 8th, 9th and 24th. Millions more agree with them that we should scrap bonuses for the greedy bankers, illegal wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and clamp down on millionaire tax cheats rather than cut vital public services.

Now is the time for all unions to come together - starting with this mass demo - to begin the fightback and make those responsible for the recession cough up.
It's not our crisis, we're not paying!"
JOHN DAVIDSON, HMRC GEC and PCS Scotland Committee (personal capacity)

stop feeding the hand that bites you!

The trade unions that continue to hand over £millions of members' hard-earned cash to one of the main parties of cuts, closures, redundancies and privatisation - New Labour - should stop funding workers' enemies.
To reverse the old proverb, stop feeding the hand that bites you!
UNISON, UNITE, GMB, CWU, UCATT and others handing New Labour tens of millions in affiliation fees and election funds is like voluntarily handing over cash to an arsonist to torch your own home!
It is absurd, indefensible

and no alternative to the unions helping to build a working class socialist party that stands up for jobs, public services and workers' rights.
Demand that your union breaks from its abusive relationship with New Labour.
And as an individual, join the Scottish Socialist Party - the only party in Scotland to have fought for the funds off Holyrood and Westminster - and in turn off the rich - to sustain all public sector jobs and services.
We need socialism, not service cuts. Help make that Scotland's future!

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

"Resources have been slashed. We've had to ask parents to buy their kids' books for their Highers as the school cannot afford them. We've been banned from photocopying worksheets, so kids have to copy down from the board, old-style! Teachers chip in to buy basics like stationery and printer ink. It's staffing cuts that are most destructive long-term though. Retiring teachers are not being replaced while new recruits have been de-

clared surplus. **This means more kids in bigger classes.**
The EIS is a moderate organisation. The sight of 10,000 members marching to protest the cuts is therefore testament to the increasing anger in the staffroom. The EIS and the other unions must ensure that the brilliant demo of March 6th is only the beginning of a vigorous campaign to defend our children's education."
A Lanarkshire EIS rep



What a comment on the state of Labour! The party founded by the unions had its Chancellor and MPs crossing PCS members' picket lines (during the biggest civil service strikes since 1987) to deliver a Budget with *more* cuts - when Alistair Darling admitted Labour's cuts will be deeper than those of 1980s hate figure Maggie Thatcher!

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 TODAY - the party of workers' unity, public ownership and socialism

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