

Scottish Socialist Party

**PCS
Members'
Voice**



UNITE ACROSS THE PUBLIC SECTOR

- **build a mass demo on 10 April - defend ALL services**
- **tax the rich - bail out jobs & services - not profits & war**

The **Scottish Socialist Party** applauds and continues to support the courageous fight put up by PCS members against New Labour's assault on the Civil Service Compensation Scheme. **Unlike Labour, Tories, LibDems AND the SNP - who all want working people to pay the price of the £1.3trillion bankers' bailout - we fight for £billions to be invested in jobs and public services, not wars and bankers' profits.**

Slaughtering jobs on the cheap, ushering in galloping privatisation, these big business parties are conducting an orgy of pre-Election lies - claiming that public sector cuts are unavoidable, necessary for the health of the economy.

This is utter nonsense. Public sector cuts will further undermine spending power, deepen and prolong the recession.

There are oceans of money sloshing around that could be used to secure jobs, improve public 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!

On Budget Day, in contrast to the parties that put profit first, second and always, 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 MORE HMRC staff to collect the £130billion taxes unpaid by big business and the obscenely rich
- A 10% wealth tax on every millionaire - to create 80,000 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 £billions extra for jobs; schools with classes of 20 or less; free public transport to cut poverty and pollution; building environmentally-friendly public sector housing.
- Scrap the £75billion Trident weapons replacement plan

**Scottish UNISON demo: Stop the Cuts
Sat 10th April @ 9.30am**

**Assemble University Ave, nr Kelvingrove
Park, Glasgow**

**Organise a massive turnout from your PCS
branch/workplace**

UNITE to stop the cuts - tax the rich!

PUBLIC MEETING

TODAY! - Weds 24 March -TODAY!

**straight after PCS rally & leafletting
in Piper Bar, George Sq, Glasgow**

**speakers: A UNISON striker
Gerry McMahon (DWP PCS)
Carolina Perez (HMRC PCS)**

Richie Venton (SSP union organiser)

"Tax the rich - for a socialist budget"

ALL WELCOME - relax & discuss how to win

■ Bring the troops home now - end the waste of around £25bn on futile, bloody wars of occupation for oil and empire.

In striking against the brutal attempt to impose a jobs slaughter on the cheap, PCS members should gain confidence from the rising tide of resistance across other workplaces and unions.

10,000 people marched on the teachers' union (EIS) demo against education cuts on 6th March. Railway workers are striking against life-threatening attacks on jobs and safety standards. BA staff are defying bully-boy bosses and vicious media demonisation in defence of hard-won pay and staffing levels. And Scottish UNISON has called a national demo in defence of public services in Glasgow on 10th April. As the General Election looms, PCS members need to pound the politicians into retreat, as they beg for votes. Protest lobbies outside Labour Party events; public meetings during the elections; overtime bans and further industrial action are all part of what will be required. **But one immediate opportunity to galvanise united action across the entire public sector (and in communities facing service cuts) is Sat 10th April.** Ask your PCS branch to organise a massive turnout of members on the UNISON demo. Approach other public sector trade unions in your area to do likewise. **Turn this into a mass demo of a united public sector against ALL cuts. Send ALL the parties of cuts a clear message: tax the rich - hands off our jobs and services!**

And use both your arms to defend jobs and services; the industrial AND political arms. Join the one party that since 1998 has consistently fought to tax the rich and take 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:

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bail out jobs & services - not bankers' profits!

workers speak out

"A quarter of a million civil servants stood defiantly in strike action against the savage New Labour cuts to the CSCS on March 8th and 9th and will do so again today. 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.

"It is now more important than ever that young workers fight against these attacks on our Compensation Scheme. Most literature has shown how this will affect members with 20+ years service but the truth is, members under the age of 30 are just as much at risk.

"PCS members taking action on Budget Day against the cuts in our redundancy pay are highlighting the stark truths behind our dispute. **Public finances are under a concerted attack, which will be continued after the Election by all the big parties - to pay for the economic collapse of a system in crisis.** Pensions will be diluted, pay freezes and pay cuts will be followed by further privatisations of civil service work - and services will diminish as a result. 25,000 job losses in Revenue and Customs, with more to follow, will result in greater tax evasion, on top of the £130 billion already identified - weakening the public purse further.

Now is the time for all unions to come together - starting with the mass demo called by Unison in Glasgow on April 10th - 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)

Members with less than 5 years service are the cheapest to get rid of and most of these are likely to be younger workers." **DEBBIE MALLET, Equality Officer, PCS national Young Members' Committee** (personal capacity)

No job is safe. Every Department and Business Directorate is set to cut staff. Whether your site is deemed strategic for the future or not, the evidence shows individually you could be made pre-surplus and potentially redundant. PCS members have shown great support on 8/9th March, now we must show our resolve on the 24th and an alternative to the cuts agenda put forward. All PCS members should stand together and send a message to Darling, Osborne, Cable and Swinney that we won't pay for their crisis.

Unite with all Public Sector workers on Saturday 10th April - tax the rich - make them pay." **JOHN MILLER, Cumbernauld HMRC PCS rep** (personal capacity)

"Civil servants are being made to pay for the economic crisis created by the capitalist class. We face job losses, with redundancy payments slashed - whilst the worlds 500 richest fat-cats have more combined wealth than the poorest 416 million people. It's time for socialism!"

JOHN JAMIESON, PCS NEC (in a personal capacity)

"I am striking on 24th March in order to send a message to the government on Budget Day that it's time to stop blaming low paid workers for the current economic mess we're in.

Almost half of all public sector workers are women and public spending cuts would hit women hardest.

Not just as workers, but in cuts to vital services such as schools, nurseries and breakfast clubs - which are all under threat, no matter which party wins the election.

Heavy job losses will also substantially reduce our income in retirement, which is why defending the Civil Service Compensation Scheme is so important.

As a mother of two young children, it's not an easy decision to lose 3 days pay, but we need to stand up and say stop attacking an already low-paid female workforce and their families."

CAROLINA PEREZ, women's officer, West of Scotland HMRC PCS branch (personal capacity)



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 instead of punishing the poor
- 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 PCS members since 1998

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