

Scottish Socialist Party

CSG
Workers'
Voice



STAND FIRM AND UNITED AGAINST CUTS

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

Tories have no right to rule and ruin Scotland



The Scottish Socialist Party offers 100% support to the CSG workers forced to strike against horrendous attacks on holiday entitlements, wages and services.

Why should workers lose up to £2,000 in wages and 6 days' public holidays to pay for a crisis not of their making?

The Labour council's crusade to offload services to so-called Arms Length Organisations (ALEOs) has been a disaster for workers and the communities they service - but a disgusting source of juicy extra incomes for Labour and SNP councillors - who have pocketed a total of £418,000 on top of their salaries for going to a few Board meetings!

These Boards are even less accountable to the public and workforces than when under direct Council ownership.

Bridget McConnell and her band of axe-wielding Board members, which includes several councillors, want to punish CSG workers for the Board's mis-management and the underlying cuts carried out by the Labour Council, previous Labour government AND the SNP Scottish government.

The CSG workers have responded to these attacks with tremendous courage and unity. For the first time ever, all four trade unions (UNISON, UNITE, GMB, BECTU) have taken united joint strike action.

The SSP is one party that stands four-square with CSG workers, and in doing so we call for the Boards of the ALEOs (including CSG) to be sacked, and the services to be taken into the democratic control of Boards made up of elected community reps, elected councillors and elected workers' trade union reps - but without the corruption and perks!

The election of the Tories - or the Twin Tories,



with the treacherous LibDems joining forces with the Tory Butchers - marks a new threat to workers and communities.

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

The unions should build united action - including a public rally after new levels of carnage are announced in the 22nd June Emergency Budget - and a mass march in the autumn when even more spending cuts will be announced.

They should hammer the lies that cuts are necessary and unavoidable - lies peddled not only by the Tories and LibDems, but also New Labour and the SNP!

There is no need for ANY cuts! There are oceans of wealth swilling around - but in far too few people's hands. The SSP have a few suggestions on how to raise 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.

The Tories have no right to rule and ruin Scotland - 85% of Scots voted against them. Stand united against Tory butchery of all jobs and services.

Tell the Tories - keep out Scotland - hands off our jobs and services - we will unite, resist and defy their cuts!

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

"As I travelled round the city it brought a tear to my eye to see the masses of people out supporting us. I have worked in this job for 30 years, these are the worst cuts I've ever seen. They told us last April, long before the Budget had been drafted, that we would suffer a pay freeze. They want to convert six Public Holidays into our annual leave - with loss of enhanced payments.

At least 140 staff who are affected by the changes to opening hours are losing a minimum of £900 ... but some up to £2,000. And they are paying overtime at plain time.

The holidays is a big issue. For people with young families it causes terrible problems with childcare arrangements. CSG workers are the only ones in what the council calls 'the family' who do not get 28 days holidays - most of us are on 20 to 25.

The people who lose out were bullied into signing new contracts. They were told they had to sign up or CSG would dismiss them today and start new people in their place.

We are telling the heavy-handed managers - CSG will do the same to you next year if they get away with slaughtering us now.

We are not striking for gain, but to keep what we have and to keep decent services for the people of Glasgow.

The CSG Board's cuts don't even make sense. Take the example of Easterhouse Centre - by cutting opening hours they are saving £10,000, but losing £25,000 in revenue!"

Jim Bowman, CSG UNISON convener, speaking to Richie Venton of the SSP

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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.

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 - without even having an insurance policy!!

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

ARMS LENGTH PROFITS FOR LABOUR AND SNP COUNCILLORS!

The same Labour councillors who lacked a spine between them to fight for funds for council services, have created and used Arms Length Organisations (ALEOs) as nice little earners for themselves, their pals ... and to buy off their SNP opponents!!

Labour AND SNP councillors have pocketed £418,000 on top of their councillors' salaries by sitting on the boards of Purcell's and Labour's creations. The Scottish Socialist Party says:
 ● Scrap these unaccountable Frankenstein monstrosities!
 ● Bring the ALEOs under the democratic control of elected councillors, elected community reps and workers' elected union reps - **but without the perks!**



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!

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

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