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The Newsletter of York & District Trades Union Council

Unions in the
Community

TUC gears up for action

The Yorkshire and the Humber TUC has released details of the programme of activities will be around the announcement of the comprehensive spending review on 20 October.

The first event the 29 September 2010 -E TUC March In Brussels was too early for this edition of Link Up.

13 October 2010 - Lobby Of Parliament/ Parliamentary Event. House of Commons

An alternative to the economic strategy will be presented and will focus on local government only. An American academic, David Blancheflower, will be attending. Trade Unions are urged to support this event. This event is to discuss Local Government finance.

19 October 2010 - TUC National Event-THE BIG ONE

The TUC is organising a mass lobby of Parliament and Trade Unions are asked to lobby their MPs. We would ask that priority be given to this event and stress the need to lobby Lib Dem MPs from this region. The TUC would like to see as many people as possible attend this event. Watch out for more details. You can find your MP by clicking on www.theyworkforyou.com and having your postcode ready. For further details contact John Lewis TUC Policy officer on 0113 242 9696 or at jlewis@tuc.org.uk

The TUC wants to know how the cuts are affecting you

As part of the TUC's ongoing press campaigns they want to hear of examples where cuts already announced, or in the future start affecting members or people in the community. The TUC is searching for case studies where people are losing services which affect their lives or the lives of their family or community. For contact details see over.



20 October 2010 - Spending Review Announcement

Trade Unions need to stage lunchtime protests at workplaces

23 October 2010 - TUC Regional Event

There will be a region-wide protest held over the lunchtime period in Sheffield. Trade Unions and Trades councils are asked to mobilise support, bring union banners. More details will be posted as soon as arrangements are finalised.

NOVEMBER

There will be a formal launch of the 'Coalition for Fair Public Services' which will involve the Labour Movement, community groups, charities and faith groups. The focus will be around the alternative economic strategy and will be held in Leeds

More detailed information will be sent to Trade Unions as and when it becomes available but it is essential that unions start their planning process now.

An active union, active in your community?
Join your local trades union council

The cuts are starting to bite.

Every day more cuts are announced or are rumours of cuts.

The Con-Dem's promise that certain departments will be protected have been broken and can be seen as purely electioneering.

The TUC is monitoring the impact of the cuts and on 18 August published a list of Top 100 Cuts to coincide with the first hundred days of the coalition government. (See Link Up 52)

The TUC wants to know about what is happening in our area email beatthecuts@tuc.org.uk

The TUC staff's informal blog "Touchstone Blog" includes articles on a variety of subjects. Its Cuts Watch feature gives an inside of what is happening across the country. The organizers of the Blog are



trying to list all the the cuts. The idea is to stimulate debate and there is the opportunity to post comments

Con-Dem policies will wreck us all!

Unemployment at a turning point as cuts hit business and consumer confidence

Commenting on the latest unemployment figures, TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber said:

'These are mixed figures. There is some good news, but those figures that look most clearly at what is now happening are more disappointing.

'The worry must be that we are at a turning point as spending cuts hit business and consumer confidence.

'What is clear is that the economy is still extremely fragile. With more than one in six young people without work, the best the Government can expect is a largely jobless recovery. At worst the economy could go into reverse, as the OECD now recognise.

'The unemployment deniers in the Government need to accept their responsibility for blighting Britain's young.'

A study by the Institute of Fiscal Studies concluded that the government's economic policies will hit the vulnerable and will not be protected as claimed by George Osborne. This conclusion substantiates the preliminary findings of a joint TUC/UNISON review. (See Link Up No. 52)

David Cameron says that we are all in this together, but with the cabinet containing 18 millionaires the cabinet can afford bigger life-boats than the rest of us.

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