



**nationalshop  
stewardsnetwork**

**March together against austerity on 20 October - then strike together!**

**Lobby the TUC to  
call a 24 hour  
general strike**



**Sunday 9 September Brighton**

Assemble 1pm at The Level park - Union Road, Brighton BN2 for march at 1.30pm to Brighton (conference) Centre and then rally

**speakers include**

**Bob Crow, RMT general secretary**

**Mark Serwotka, PCS general secretary**

**Steve Gillan, POA General Secretary**

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“We are in the fight of our lives. The shocking Beecroft report shows just how much further the bosses and the Tories want to go, with the right to hire and fire at will. We need to mobilise for the TUC demonstration on 20 October to ensure it becomes the springboard for the mass movement that can end the brutal austerity drive.”

**Bob Crow, RMT general secretary**



Over 350,000 public sector workers sacked, four years of pay freeze, the NHS facing privatisation, benefits slashed, one million young people on the dole, student tuition fees trebled and EMA abolished....and yet the ConDems say we've only had 15% of the cuts! This cabinet of millionaires are after everything working class people have won, yet it was their greedy double-dealing banker friends that caused this crisis. We have to pay the price but the rich get richer by having their taxes cut by their government - that is when they actually pay their dues!

Workers in this country have shown over the last 18 months that we're prepared to emulate our brothers and sisters in Greece, Spain and the rest of Europe and fight back against the cuts. Over 500,000 marched through London on 26 March 2011 on the TUC demonstration. On 30 November (N30) over 2 million public sector workers took strike action together to defend their pensions. That shook this government but if the action had been continued and escalated into the New Year, we believe they could have been forced to retreat. Unfortunately some of the union leaders broke the N30 strike coalition and wanted to sign the pensions deal. The strike on 10 May of PCS, Unite, UCU, NIPSA, ISU and the fantastic illegal walkout by the prison officers in the POA showed that the pensions battle is still on. Also, since N30 we have seen workers fighting back in the likes of Unilever, Coryton Oil Refinery, MMP, London buses and the victorious sparks in the construction industry.

The TUC has called another demonstration in London on 20 October. The NSSF is committed to making this even bigger than last year but it can't be the end of the campaign but a new beginning. Last year we lobbied the TUC conference to call for the co-ordinated action that was then called on N30. On 9 September, we are again lobbying them before this year's conference in Brighton to call on them to follow up the 20 October demo with a strike across both private and public sectors - a 24 hour general strike as the starting point for the collective action needed to force back this weak government of 34 U-turns and counting and their cuts programme. With 85% of the cuts to come, we can't afford not to!

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