

# Scottish Socialist



# Party

## COUNCIL WORKERS VOICE

# UNITED!

## DEMO

**@ Glasgow City Chambers  
George Sq**

**Monday 29 Oct @ midday  
show your anger at the Labour  
council cuts to pay, jobs and services**

The Scottish Socialist Party applauds the magnificent unity of Day Service strikers, carers, parents and service users who have shown their solidarity on the picket lines, at meetings, on the streets.

**The strike is rock solid after 2 weeks without pay.** The bucket collections show the huge support for the fight against pay cuts AND cuts to jobs, day care centres and services for the disabled. The meeting of carers on Tuesday - attended by many strikers - expressed overwhelming support for the strike - despite an attempt by the head of Social Work to subtly drive a wedge between staff and carers/service users.

The Council has been forced to confess the so-called consultation over re-design of the service is totally inadequate - and made verbal promises to extend the period of consultation.

But don't be conned - **their consultation is a sham** - as it was with the school closures, where they ignored the overwhelming objections of parents and went ahead with closures.

The only language the council will listen to is **UNITED PROTEST ACTION.**

Certainly if/when they call their consultation meetings, people should flood these with opposition to cuts and closures of Day Care centres, jobs, bus services, service users' allowances, AND the pay of staff.

But meantime the lobbying of councillors, street collections, workplace meetings/collections, united marches - all these are vital to keeping the pressure on the councillors who make the decisions.

**Don't let them divide you- keep chasing them!**



"My son is 53. When he was young there were only two or three Day Care Centres in Glasgow. Every day when I was at work i had to use my lunchtime to walk to the Social Work dept and demand he got a place in one. At the time there were waiting lists of 2 years for people coming out of school. That's what the council are going back to now with the closures."

**Catherine, a parent**

"We care for the service users. If we didn't we might as well go and work in Morrisons. We are not asking for more money - only for no cuts to our existing pay."

**A striker**

"The council has merged the issues of our wage cuts and the re-design of the service. So we have no choice but to link them. They are both part of cost-cutting by the council. We favour a re-design to match the needs of service users - but how can that be done by having Day Service workers doing the same job as each other but with pay gaps of £3,000 NOW - or a gap between Deputes of £6,000?

How can closing down the community that is built up through Day Care centres help disabled people?"

**Alison Kelly, UNISON stewards sec.**

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