

# Why I'm voting SSP...

**Lee Molloy - Theatre Staff Nurse at St John's Hospital**

“ I'm voting for the SSP because they fight for public services. In particular they want the return of all those services which have been lost from St John's.



**Maureen McGillivray - Nursery Nurse**

“ I'll be voting SSP because they backed us during our strike against low pay and they fight for ordinary people.



**Phil Tuxworth - Firefighter at Livingston fire station**

“ I'll be voting for the SSP because Steve Nimmo has given 100 per cent support to the campaign to defend our local fire services.



## SCRAP THE COUNCIL TAX

The Scottish Socialist Party has long campaigned to scrap the Council Tax. We now have a bill before parliament calling for it be replaced by a new Scottish Service Tax. Under our proposal, 77 per cent of people in Scotland would be better off.

**How much you would pay under the SSP's Scottish Service Tax:**

<u>YEARLY INCOME</u>	<u>SERVICE TAX</u>
under £10,000	nothing!
£12,500	£112 a year
£16,000	£270 a year
£19,000	£405 a year
£24,000	£630 a year
£31,000	£1,050 a year

**First Minister Jack McConnell and partner Bridget, a Glasgow Council chief, have incomes of £118,000 and £90,000. They would pay £27,800 Service Tax instead of their current £1,545 Council Tax.**

For more information on the Scottish Socialist Party, phone 0131 668 4912, see our website: [www.scottishsocialistparty.org](http://www.scottishsocialistparty.org) or our special election blogspot: [www.ssplivingston.blogspot.com](http://www.ssplivingston.blogspot.com)

# Scottish Socialist



## Party Livingston

# Steven Nimmo

Steven lives in Bridgend with his partner and her son. He worked in St John's Hospital where he was a Unison shop steward. He has a proud record of campaigning for the people of West Lothian - against the closure of Motorola, in support of striking nursery nurses and firefighters, against cuts at St John's and in opposition to the Council's £5 rent rise. Steven has also campaigned strongly against the disastrous war on Iraq.



### Steven says:

“ As this is a by-election, no-one is under any pressure to vote against the Tories or anyone else. Instead you can vote for the party, the policies and the principles that you believe in. ”

# 10 GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE SSP

The big parties will claim that a vote for the SSP is a wasted vote. Nonsense! Here are just ten good reasons to make sure there is a big vote for the SSP on September 29

- 1** It would be another hammer blow against Tony Blair's murderous war on Iraq.
- 2** It would pile pressure on Holyrood MSPs to back Tommy Sheridan's bill to scrap the Council Tax.
- 3** It would boost Frances Curran's bill to introduce nutritious free school meals across Scotland.
- 4** It could pressurise other parties to back Colin Fox's bill to abolish prescription charges.
- 5** It would send a message to the Scottish Executive that cuts in local fire services will not be tolerated.
- 6** It would be a resounding 'NO' to privatisation - and could thwart plans for a new private prison at Addiewell.
- 7** It would strengthen the campaign to restore acute services at St John's Hospital.
- 8** It would turn the heat on the politicians to make poverty history.
- 9** It would turn the spotlight full glare on the twin obscenities of low pay and pensioner poverty.
- 10** It would show the breadth of support for an independent, green, socialist Scotland.

**The SSP is AGAINST war, poverty, inequality, racism, nuclear weapons, global warming**

**The SSP is FOR socialism, independence, civil rights, trade unionism, a clean green planet**

## Where do they stand?

Who deserves your support? Scotland's six parties put to the test on five key issues:

Which parties...?	Labour	SNP	Tories	Lib Dem	Greens	SSP
Back Tommy Sheridan's bill to replace the Council Tax with a fair new income-based service tax	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Support nutritious free school meals for all Scotland's pupils	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Want to tax the rich, raise pensions and introduce a minimum wage of £8-an-hour	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Would rid Scotland of nuclear weapons of mass destruction	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Spurn the gravy train by living on the average skilled worker's wage	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓



The six Scottish Socialist MSPs with Bob Crow (left), national leader of the railworkers trade union - which broke with New Labour to affiliate to the SSP