

Scottish Socialist

Party

CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS VOICE



STAND UNITED AGAINST POVERTY PAY

HALT AND REVERSE ALL PRIVATISATION



The Scottish Socialist Party applauds today's strike by MOD and IPS staff - and action short of strike by other PCS members - against derisory pay offers which mean pay cuts.

We offer 100%, unqualified support to you, as fellow PCS members in the offices; as fellow trade unionists on the pickets; as socialists in our communities, on the streets and in the Parliament.

Government Ministers like John Reid praise the IPS as the 'beacon of the Home Office', but then reward workers' efforts with an imposed pay rise that is well below inflation.

New Labour prattle on about defence, but refuse to tackle the poverty pay of MOD staff, many of whom are just above New Labour's paltry minimum wage. Gordon Brown has proven already that he is no different from Blair. Brown was the architect of 104,000 civil service jobs being slaughtered.

It is Brown who is imposing a 1.9% pay limit to public service workers - whereas inflation (the Retail Price Index) is at 4.2%.

Meantime fatcat bosses give themselves bonuses of £19billion!

Private consultants hired in the public sector have devoured £2.8billion of the public's money.

The lunacy of forced re-locations cost £500,000 per worker in the case of one Scottish department!

And after government job cuts, the Scottish Executive last year spent £5m on agency staff.

It is time the funds were devoted to decent pay, the defence of all jobs, and defence of services. To people not profit.

The New Labour government is brutal in its campaign to demonise civil servants in order to slash our pay, jobs, and services. So we need an equally determined campaign that appeals to the wider trade union movement and local communities.

We need to take advantage of the fact New Labour faces the electorate in May, and mount escalating pressure on them. And the settlement date for the huge DWP is 1st July, meaning larger forces will be moving into action on the inevitable pay cuts.

Today's strike needs to be followed up by national civil service-wide strike action on 1st May.

And on 3 May, PCS members have the chance to hammer New Labour at the ballot box.

But in doing so, vote for a positive, proven alternative - a party with an unrivalled record of support for every PCS members' strike and demo over the past 9 years of our existence - the Scottish Socialist Party. Since being formed in 1998, the SSP has consistently fought privatisation and poverty pay. Our members in PCS have been instrumental in advocating and organising united action against the slaughter of jobs and services.

Support the party that has been unflinching in its support of you and your rights for the past 9 years. Vote Scottish Socialist Party.

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SO WHAT DO YOU WANT DONE WITH THE WEALTH?

“It’s a question of what kind of society we want.

Do we want £100billion wasted on Trident missiles over the next 30 years, or invested in jobs, people and services?

The Tax Justice Network estimated that from £25billion to £88billion is uncollected in tax from big business. If instead of shedding 25,000 jobs in Revenue & Customs these jobs were retained, and even a small proportion directed to collecting the unpaid £billions, public transport could be

free, PFI hospitals made history and a decent national pay system established to end these outrageous anomalies.

The SSP want the rich to pay their share. New Labour’s craven attitude to the rich means business barons and supermarket billionaires in the government.

That’s the stark difference, and one of many reasons why PCS members should join the SSP – the party with many PCS members already, the party with an unrivalled track record in struggle, solidarity and socialism. And why you should vote SSP on May 3rd.”

Gerry McMahon, DWP and PCS Scottish Committee

TWO MORE REASONS FOR SOCIALISM!

Every Scottish worker put in an average 6.5 hours in unpaid overtime a week in 2006 - worth £4,151 a year. That is the equivalent of working without a penny pay up until 23 February! The human consequences are mounting stress, illness, wrecked family life, even premature deaths.

The fat cats of business rely on the unpaid labour of working people to fuel their ever-increasing profit levels. Profits for Scotland's 500 biggest companies soared by 27% last year, to £23.5billion. How many workers got a 27% pay rise in 2006?!

Every worker produced an average of £30,947 in profits in 2006 - on top of their wages bill.

The banks, power companies and giant industrialists coined it in, at the expense of the health and wealth of the working class. Socialism may be an old idea, but it is immensely modern, and the Scottish Socialist Party will continue to vociferously advocate 'People not Profit'.

“The Scottish Socialist Party has been resolute in its support of civil service workers. I know I appreciate their commitment to supporting ordinary workers, and I know others in my workplace appreciate that the SSP has always championed our fight to save public services.”

Gordon Thomson, PCS rep & SSP council candidate



“Our terms and conditions are gradually being eroded - sick leave, attitudes and behaviours, performance development, conduct and discipline, and term time. They are targeting flexible working. Members need to stand together and strike. SSP activists in PCS are fighting to defend our conditions.

Be part of the union, be part of the SSP”

John Miller, Cumbernauld HMRC

“Sir Gus O’Donnell wrote to us all saying he was ‘disappointed’ we were striking. What is really ‘disappointing’ is that he is on £238,000 a year - that’s £20,000 a month, when we are on less than £20,000 a year! This is bullying, but it’s only making the union stronger.”

Amanda Wallace, PCS rep, HMRC (ex-Revenue)



MOTION TO PARLIAMENT FROM CAROLYN LECKIE, SSP MSP

Parliament welcomes the resounding and determined vote of PCS members for strike action; considers they have been dignified in the face of immense provocation by Govt who are systematically dismantling public services, jobs, terms and conditions and decimating communities due to withdrawal of vital services to the most vulnerable groups in society; believes that they should not be forced to resort to such action and that even at this late hour the Govt and employers should enter into meaningful negotiations concerning all of the many issues at the heart of this dispute and seek to reach agreement with the PCS on securing the future of jobs, public services and the communities who rely on them and calls on all elected members to exert the strongest pressure on the Westminster Govt and Scottish Executive to deliver that end and stands in solidarity shoulder to shoulder with PCS members in their struggle.



VOTE SSP

The SSP has been building solidarity with PCS members. We were instrumental in proposing civil service-wide strike action. We are Scotland’s trade union party. Re-elect SSP MSPs on a worker’s wage.

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