

Scottish Socialist

Party

CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS VOICE



BUILD ON TODAY'S STRIKE UNITY

*against New Labour's jobs slaughter, poverty pay,
office closures & privatisation*

**SSP PUBLIC MEETING - a forum for strikers
TODAY! - 31st Jan - TODAY! - 31st Jan - TODAY!**

@ Barfly, Clyde St [directly behind St Enoch's Sq]

@ immediately after PCS march [approx 1.30pm]

speakers include COLIN FOX MSP (SSP national convener); ROSIE KANE MSP;
GERRY McMAHON (PCS); AMANDA WALLACE (PCS); JOHN DAVIDSON (PCS);
RICHIE VENTON (SSP national trade union organiser) and a ONE PLUS WORKER
(fighting closure of this vital public service)

refreshments ... discussion on how to go forward ... open to all strikers



The Scottish Socialist Party applauds the determined, united strike taken by over 280,000 PCS members, followed by a two-week overtime ban. **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.**

This marvellous display of workers' unity and trade union strength is not just a token day of protest - it should be the start of a massive campaign to force the government to retreat on jobs, pay, privatisation and pensions.

The New Labour government is brutal in its campaign to demonise civil servants in order to slash our jobs, pay 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.

Today's strike in over 200 agencies and departments is a marvellous launch of further action - including a solid overtime ban, further demos, and if necessary further national days of united civil service-wide strikes before the May elections.

Join 280,000 fellow trade unionists in a movement the government cannot resist! Remember, the mere readiness to strike forced them to concede lifetime protection of pensions for all existing staff.

And fight for a Scotland that puts people before profit - a socialist Scotland! Join the SSP!

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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 £76billion 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.”

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 DWP Pension Service



“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 has written to us all saying he is ‘disappointed’ we are 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 ON May 3rd

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.

Join the SSP - the party of public ownership, solidarity and socialism

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