

# Scottish Socialist

# Party

## COUNCIL WORKERS VOICE

### UNITE AGAINST CUTS TO PAY, JOBS & SERVICES

The Scottish Socialist Party offers 100% support to all Day Service workers in your strike against cuts to pay, jobs and the invaluable service you provide to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

We recognise you strike reluctantly. But the council has left professional, caring workers with no other option.

New Labour have re-invented the English language to suit their own vicious propaganda. They call it 'modernisation' - but they mean cuts to pay of £3-6,000; cuts to 50 jobs; closure of 7 out of 12 of the Day Care centres ... not to mention the removal of the clients' £1 a week allowance; cutbacks to their bus service leaving them travelling up to two-and-a-half hours just to get to a Day Centre.

This brutality towards the disabled and their caring staff is based on a Labour Council that wants to cut services (and pay!) as a way of paying for their legal obligations to implement Equal Pay legislation.

Instead of robbing the poor to pay the poor these Labour councillors should stand shoulder-to-shoulder with UNISON and the Day Service clients and their Carers to win adequate funding off the Scottish government - to maintain and improve the service - without a penny off any worker's pay or a single job cut or closure.

**Stand firm and united!** The SSP has already begun to organise street collections for the strike fund alongside strikers - issuing leaflets that put the strikers' case to the public. We offer to continue that for as long as it takes to win a victory - for recognition of workers' skills and experience - not downgrading and degrading treatment from a council that puts cash before clients, profits before people.

### SSP PUBLIC MEETING

**today ... TUES 16th OCT ... today**

**@ 1pm (or straight after lobby of council)**

**@ Laurie's Bar, King St, Trongate**

**speakers: Alison Kelly (Day Care UNISON  
stewards' committee secretary)**

**Jim Snell (Asst Services & Conditions Officer,  
Glasgow UNISON)**

**ALL STRIKERS, CLIENTS & CARERS WELCOME**

"We strike with a heavy heart, but we have no option. The council has forced us into this. We want a redesign of services - but one that improves things for clients and staff - not degrading pay cuts, the loss of 50 jobs for Day Service workers, deputies and managers, which is the re-design the Council want.

We are striking to defend the services to clients from cuts as well."

**Alison Kelly, Day Care UNISON**



**EQUAL PAY  
- NO CUTS  
fight 4 funds**



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# Scottish Socialist Party - council workers VOICE

## STOP FUNDING LABOUR'S NEW TORIES

The Scottish Socialist Party believes the UNISON leadership should break the link with New Labour.

Handing over members' funds to the party of privatisation, pay cuts and savage job losses, the party of war - is like giving petrol money to an arsonist to torch your house.

Gordon Brown is just as much behind the attacks on wages, jobs and the public sector as Blair - first as Chancellor, now as Prime Minister. He has kept the same anti-union laws. He is the same fan of Maggie Thatcher!

Make the break from the New Labour New Tories - join the SSP, the party of workers' unity and socialism.



Too many national union leaders put their hopes in the delusion that 'Brown will be different'. Who's that standing beside Maggie Thatcher? Who invited her to 10 Downing St recently?



SSP members are determined to help win a victory for Day Service staff. We held a big public meeting last week, addressed by Alison Kelly, secretary of the Day Care UNISON stewards, alongside striking posties. We took to the city centre streets last Saturday with leaflets, petitions and collections for the strike fund - alongside strikers - with striking posties as well. We will help other trade unionists organise meetings and collections in workplaces to sustain the strike until victory.

## DIFFERENT PLANETS

Gordon Brown has demanded public sector pay be restricted to increases below 2%, when inflation is 4.8%. Public sector pay rises are lagging behind the rest of the economy - with pay rises at their lowest since May 1998.

But the bigger crime is the growing chasm between the incomes of workers and bosses across society. **Bosses' pay rose by 37% last year - to an average of £2,875,000 for the fatcats of the top 100 firms.**

On average, they enjoy **66 times** the wage of 'their' workers if salaries alone are accounted for, rising to **99 times** that of their staff if share options are added in to the calculations! This is obscene, to put it mildly. A century ago, the banker JP Morgan, himself no pauper, said no company should have a boss-to-worker income differential greater than 20:1. So today's capitalists would bring blushes to even some of their own class's money-grabbing predecessors.

**STRIKE FOR DECENT, NATIONAL PAY INCREASES - AND JOIN THE SSP TO CHALLENGE THE OBSCENE INEQUALITY UNDER CAPITALISM.**

## SSP- the workers' party

It is the SSP - and ONLY the SSP - that has fought since 1998 to abolish the Council Tax and tax the rich their fair share in our progressive income-based Scottish Service Tax - which would benefit 80% of Scots AND raise an extra £800m for local jobs and services.

For free school meals for every child. To scrap all NHS prescription charges. To get rid of all anti-union laws - used to break up the unity and solidarity of workers.

To end war. To scrap Trident - use the £100bn saved on health, education, housing, services and a free public transport system.

For an independent socialist Scotland that puts the millions before the millionaires

- free healthy school meals and quality childcare for all
- £8 minimum wage for all over 16 - equal pay for women
- scrap the Council Tax - tax the rich
- free public transport for all
- 100,000 new public sector houses for affordable rent over 4 years
- public ownership of banks, big industry, services and N Sea oil
- an independent, nuclear free, socialist Scotland

Reject the parties of the millionaires - Labour AND SNP. Reject lies and sleaze. Join the party of principled socialism - the SSP.

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