

# WHO SUFFERS MOST FROM PUBLIC SPENDING CUTS?

We say **THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE** to cuts in public services.

The wealthy in our society will not be affected by these cuts.

We say they can afford to pay more in taxes to ensure that public services for the people are not dismantled.

Who needs more than £100,000 per year as an income to live a decent and fulfilling life?

Most large companies pay a lot less tax than they should.

It is estimated that around £123 billion is lost to the public purse each year as a result of a combination of tax evasion, tax avoidance and uncollected taxes.

Those who benefit from this are the large private sector companies and the wealthy.

It is a myth that the country has no choice other than cut back on public spending.

The resources are there but in the wrong hands.

Let the Government pursue in a robust and aggressive manner the taxes which have not been paid.

Why not introduce higher taxes for those earning over £100,000 per annum, with a further increase for those who earn more than £150,000 per annum?

▶ **Don't be conned when they say there is no money to pay for public services.**

▶ **Support trade unions and local communities in their campaigns to protect jobs and services.**

▶ **It is in your interest. It is in your family's interest. It is in your community's interest.**

Public services exist for the benefit of the whole community and attacks on public services affect everyone in our society especially those in the lower and middle income brackets. But who exactly are the public servants who deliver services to local communities? They are:

### **NURSES**

Working in hospitals for the benefit of patients, in health centres and in the community. Can we afford to cut this service?

**NO!**

### **HOUSING WORKERS**

Housing Executive employees deal with the homeless, overcrowding, houses in disrepair and processing housing benefit to the less well off in our society. Can we afford to cut this service?

**NO!**

### **SCHOOLS STAFF**

This group of staff includes teachers, classroom assistants and technical and clerical staff who work together in the school community to deliver a first class education to all our children including those with special educational needs. Can we afford to cut these services?

**NO!**

### **COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY WORKERS**

Working in local communities, these workers provide advice on a wide range of matters including advice and information on access to benefits and services, advice on debt, meals on wheels and transport for the elderly, the disabled, working to keep young people off drugs and in a host of other initiatives which benefit society. Can we afford to cut these services?

**NO!**



Civil servants deliver a range of services

### **CIVIL SERVANTS**

to the whole community, progress planning applications for individuals and businesses, develop health policies, make social security payments to the unemployed, pensioners and the disabled, assist citizens to secure jobs, stop consumers from being ripped off by unscrupulous traders, ensure motor vehicles are not a danger to the public, deal with rates collection and a host of other less visible but equally essential jobs on behalf of the community. Can we afford to cut these services?

**NO!**

Maybe not seen by the public too often but they

### **BACK ROOM SERVICES**

ensure the health and education workers receive their pay on time, carrying out work to ensure that the staff who deal directly with the public can concentrate on their jobs, taking the administrative pressures off those staff delivering services directly to the public. They also ensure the health, safety and cleanliness of the frontline service. Can we afford cuts in these services?

**NO!**

They work in leisure centres, maintaining

### **COUNCIL WORKERS**

your parks and civic amenities, emptying bins, registering births, deaths and marriages and in improving the local environment. Can we afford cuts in these services?

**NO!**

They ensure unemployment

### **SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS**

and social security benefits are paid to the less well off in our society and those who have been thrown on the unemployment scrapheap. Can we afford to cut these jobs?

**NO!**

Providing home help services to the elderly,

### **SOCIAL CARE WORKERS**

looking after the interests of vulnerable children and catering for the needs of disabled and people with learning disabilities. Can we afford to cut these services?

**NO!**

There are also many more public servants who perform other vital roles in the community...