

11th July 2011

Dear Brother/Sister,

Three quarters of a million went on strike on June 30th in a massive show of strength against a concerted attempt by the Tory and Liberal Democrat partners of this millionaire government to make workers pay for the bankers' greed. Powerful demonstrations up and down the country brought thousands, including many young workers onto the streets in big cities and small towns, many for the first time, determined to defend pensions, and to stop the immediate huge pay cuts that the pension changes would mean.

We believe that 30th June was the opening salvo. To win we need to turn this threequarters of a million into 4-5 million in the next round of industrial action in the autumn, involving all public sector unions, and thereby scuppering the machinations of the government to drive a wedge into the trade union movement between the NUT, UCU, ATL and PCS and the other three big unions Unison, Unite and GMB. Defence of pensions has proved a unifying factor so far, and one of our best opportunities to all come together, and collectively force Cameron and Clegg into a massive U-turn.

To this end the National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) is organising a lobby of the TUC Conference in London on September 11th 2011.

We will be handing in a petition calling on the TUC General Council to call for and coordinate a one-day strike of all public sector unions as the next step in this struggle.

The assembly point will be at Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ at 1:30pm for an indoor rally which will be addressed by union leaders, including PCS General Secretary Mark Serwotka, alongside shop stewards and workplace reps involved in the pension struggle.

The NSSN is encouraging all trade unionists to attend the rally and the lobby as well as signing the petition at www.shopstewards.net/sign. Why not use the text of the petition as the basis of a branch resolution which you could forward to the TUC general council to help keep the pressure up?

We would be grateful if you could circulate information about this event around your trade union branch, attend yourself and encourage others to do so. We would also encourage unions to book transport to the event. If your branch / trades council would like to contribute to the cost of a coach, please make a cheque payable to 'National Shop Stewards Network' and post to NSSN, PO Box 54498, London, E10 9DE.

Yours in solidarity,

Rob Williams

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