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Can we afford public services?

Yes. Britain is the fifth richest economy in the world, with the widest gap between rich and poor in Europe! As taxpayers we have bailed out private banks with hundreds of billions of pounds. The government uses the state benefit system to prop up low wage employers and subsidise private landlords. On top of this £billions are avoided and evaded in corporation tax every year while the poorest in society are forced to use food banks.

What is the government's real agenda?

The banking crisis is being used as a reason to privatise our services for the benefit of their profit-hungry friends! Academy and free schools in education, NHS privatisation and compulsory competitive tendering of council services - these all damage our vital services and cut the pay and living standards of ordinary people.

Are strikes the best way?

Unions, campaigners and service user groups continue to lobby MP's and councillors, hold massive demonstrations and engage in consultation. However we are not being listened to. Strike action can inconvenience people in the short term but every time we have taken action we have made gains. Every time we win we help to defend pay and public services for all.

How do you know if you are allowed to strike?

Union members on strike include: UNISON, GMB, UNITE, NUT, FBU, PCS, RMT & TSSA. You need to check with your union representative whether you have been balloted. If you are not in a union you are entitled to join now and take action even if you have not been balloted.

How can you support the strike?

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