

UNITE THE RESISTANCE

PLYMOUTH CONFERENCE

Fight for Social Welfare!

After the fantastic success of the Trade Union strike day on 30th November, we have called a Conference in Plymouth to continue to **Unite the Resistance**. We aim to have a range of local, regional and national speakers, and to bring together trade unions, students, claimants and community activists, to build the unity that made N30 possible, and to make sure that we don't lose momentum in our fight to defend pensions and to resist the cuts. The conference will take place between 10:30 and 16:00 on Saturday 14th January - venue to be confirmed. We are encouraging union branches to pass motions formally supporting the conference (See overleaf - please email details of motions passed to secretary@plymouth-tuc.org.uk)

REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to take part in the **Unite the Resistance Conference** in Plymouth on Saturday 14th January 2012. Please keep me informed of local events:

Name

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Payment: I enclose £25 (Branches or Orgs for up to 5 delegates max)
I enclose £5 (individual ticket for waged delegate)
I enclose £2 (unwaged and student delegate)

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I agree to my details will be stored on a computer data base for the sole purpose of communication as part of the **Plymouth Action** network* for progressive anti-cuts campaigning (in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998)

Signed:

Please make cheques payable to :Plymouth & District Trades Union Council and send to:



**Unite the Resistance Conference, c/o PO Box 378, Plymouth
PL1 9BN 07803 620390 www.plymouth-action.org.uk**



* **Plymouth Action** network is an open information exchange network that offers space to all progressive organisations in Plymouth who promote environmental sustainability, Community resilience and mutuality, peace, social welfare and social justice.

DRAFT MOTION:

Support for the “Unite the Resistance” Conference in Plymouth, 14th January 2012

This *trade union branch/workplace meeting/campaign group/student body/claimants group/activists group [insert full name here]* congratulates the Plymouth & District Trades Union Council on the mass demonstration and rally held in the City on 30th November 2011, organised in conjunction with their community anti-Cuts campaign: *Plymouth Fightback Against the Cuts*.

We note that more than 2,500 people from trade unions, campaign and community groups marched together in united opposition to Government plans for public sector pensions.

We believe that the headline grievance of Government cuts to public sector pensions, proposing workers pay more, work longer and receive much less represented only the tip of opposition to the entire range of cuts of more than £100billion to public services.

Pensions are not the only issue – the assault on welfare benefits, universal state-funded education, the National Health Service and social infrastructure provided by civil servants and local government workers must be reversed. In addition, the social injustice of non-payment of tax of up to £120billion a year, combined with bank bail-outs, enforced privatisation and £billions in executive bonuses must be challenged.

We congratulate the TUC and trade unions on the magnificent co-ordinated national action through 2011: mass demonstration of 500,000 on 26th March; inter-union strike action by 1.5 million on 30th June and strike action of over 2,500,000 workers on 30th November.

We believe that this momentum must be built upon in 2012, and the unprecedented unity across the trade union movement and linked with community campaign groups must be protected from fragmentation and isolation.

We believe there is growing confidence among ordinary working class people that we can reverse the government’s proposed changes to pensions, and benefits cuts and the break-up of the Welfare State.

To go forward, we must maintain unity, share concerns and ideas, and discuss the way forward in a positive and collaborative manner for shared support and understanding.

We therefore welcome the call by Plymouth Trades Union Council for a Conference to “Unite the Resistance, on 14th January 2012.

We hereby **resolve**:

- (1) To maintain and build our support for united campaigning and strike action against the Cuts
- (2) To support the Plymouth Conference to “Unite the Resistance on 14th January 2012.
- (3) To send ### delegates to the Conference at a cost of £5 each
- (4) To make a donation of ### towards the costs of the Conference, payable to **Plymouth & District Trades Union Council**, PO Box 378, Plymouth PL1 9BN
- (5) To add our support and circulate campaign materials of *Plymouth Fightback Against the Cuts* to our members and supporters.

Motion debated on: (Date)

Vote: For: Against: Abstentions:

Sent to Plymouth Trades Union Council on: (Date)

Signed: Position:

Please return to: Plymouth & District Trades Union Council, PO Box 378, Plymouth PL1 9BN