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BOURNEMOUTH & POOLE



ANTI CUTS COALITION

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Local Cuts and Closures

BPACC have recently collated information about how the cuts are directly affecting our local community. The full list can be viewed on our website at bpacc.co.uk/local-cuts-and-closures/ and a pdf can be downloaded from our Resources page.



It is not a comprehensive list – simply because the information is not readily available! If you are aware of any services that have been affected by budget cuts that are not on the list, please email us the details. All information received will be treated in strictest confidence.

It is quite staggering, even before the savageness of the austerity measures really begin to bite, the scale of the damage and suffering being inflicted upon our local area and even more so when you consider our local councils fared better than most in the ongoing national budget cuts. All sectors of society are being pushed to breaking point.



The message we must constantly send is that these cuts are not necessary; we must counter the deficit myths. The cuts are not in the 'best interests of the country' but only a wealthy few. At a

time when the UK has entered into a 'double dip' recession, it is plain to see, the policies of austerity are not working; they are not creating growth; quite the reverse; they are stifling the economy. Every month the forecasts for growth and deficit reduction are downgraded. In the words of a well known football chant "you don't know what you're doing".



These cuts are ideological vandalism and must be stopped for the sake of those struggling to survive today and the generations that follow.

BCP Trades Council Re-launch Meeting – 31st May

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Trades Council will be holding a re-launch event on Thursday 31st May from 7pm to 9pm at the Elstead Hotel, 12-14 Knyveton Road in Bournemouth and invites all trade unionists and supporters to attend. Guest speakers will be former Unison General Secretary, Rodney Bickerstaffe and South West TUC Secretary, Nigel Costley. Everyone welcome.

Recent Events

As part of our ongoing campaign to raise awareness and build support, Information Stalls were held at Poole Stadium car boot and Boscombe High Street

BPACC held an anti-cuts demonstration outside the BIC on the day the Home Secretary, Teresa May spoke at the Police Federation Conference and delegates were leafleted.

PCS, Unite, UCU and RMT members withdrew their labour on May 10th in the continued dispute over the govt's attack on their pensions. On the eve of the industrial action BCP Trades Council held a solidarity rally for all local Trade Unionists and activists.

As part of the TUC National Workers Memorial Day, Dorset Trade Unionists gathered at Poole Park Cenotaph to remember those workers killed, injured or made ill simply by going to work.

Save Remploy Factories

A petition with over 100,000 signatures against cuts to Remploy has been ignored by the government and they have announced the closure 36 of the 54 remaining Remploy sites with compulsory redundancy for 1,752 people of which 1,518 of these are disabled by 17th August this year (2012). The government statement envisages the complete closure of the remaining factories in due course. The closures include the factory at Alder Hills which employs 22 people, 18 of whom have disabilities. The factory, which once had 46 staff, won a battle against the threat of closure in 2007 but has struggled for survival since, with Unions claiming that councils could do more to help Remploy secure contracts.

Please sign the online petition to save thousands of jobs for disabled people at www.saveremplyfactories.co.uk

Hard copies of the petition can be obtained by emailing info@bpacc.co.uk or by mail to BPACC, c/o 238 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8EG

Mass Demonstration in London



for 'A Future That Works'

The TUC is to organise a mass demonstration in London under the banner of 'A Future That Works' on Saturday 20 October 2012. A march through central London will culminate in a rally in Hyde Park.

Please visit bpacc.co.uk/resources/ for various leaflets and pdf's which can be downloaded and please let us know if you are organising or aware of any local events or campaigns. We must all stand together and support each other during these troubled times.

BPACC is a broad movement of local people – community groups, pensioners, students, disabled campaigners, trade unionists and tax payers – opposed to the government's austerity measures. JOIN THE RESISTANCE!

In the News

Bournemouth Council have announced plans to remove 5,000 people from the social housing list

Campaigns

68 is too late

Too long to work Too late to retire

A campaign to stop the reckless increases to our state pension age. Visit www.68istoolate.org.uk for more info and online petition.

Stop Government Snooping

The govt has set out plans for new powers to invade our privacy. They plan to collect and keep information on all of us about who we call, text and email, and which websites we visit. And they won't need a warrant or reason. Our civil liberties have taken a battering in recent years from politicians of all backgrounds. Now it's time for us to push back. The 38 Degrees online petition has over 160k signatures. Visit www.38degrees.org.uk to add yours