

Campaign Voice!



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A Future That Works - Solidarity Evening Friday 28th September at 7pm British Legion Club 143 Ashley Road, Bournemouth

On Saturday, 20th October, hundreds of thousands of people will march through the streets of London in protest against the coalition gov't's austerity policies. To help build support for this demonstration locally, the local Trades Council will be hosting a social evening with music, food and a guest speaker from the Coalition of Resistance, James Meadway. All welcome.

Austerity isn't working

Our country faces long-term economic problems. But our political leaders have failed to face up to them.

For the next five years or more, unless policies change the economy will not grow, incomes will not rise, and there will be almost no new jobs.

If the government keeps on with big spending cuts and austerity we face a lost decade. Even on their own terms government policies are failing. To close the deficit we need a healthy growing economy that generates tax

income. But austerity has led to a vicious circle of decline. Instead of just letting the banks go back to business and bonuses as usual, we need policies that promote new and old industries.



This new approach would create jobs, especially for young people.

It would encourage companies to raise average pay, penalise big bonuses and invest in training and new industries. It would crack down on tax evasion by big companies and the super-rich. It would tackle the growing inequality between the super-rich and everyone else.

Rather than deep, rapid spending cuts, we need to reverse our decline and build an economy that works for ordinary families.

March for A Future That Works which is fair for all

Several coaches have been organised by Trade Unions locally, for details how to book a seat, please email info@bpacc.co.uk

IN THE NEWS

Remploy's board has decided that bids to turn the Poole premises into a social enterprise hub did not meet the criteria of preserving jobs for disabled people or providing value for money. Employees at Poole and three other sites have now been confirmed as being at risk of redundancy taking the number of closures to over 30.



As part of the govt's welfare reforms, Council Tax benefit is to be abolished. At the same time, local authorities will be given 10% less funding and it will be left to local councils to decide how this money is recuperated. The likelihood is that the unemployed will be made to pay a contribution out of their benefits.

Fair Tax Campaign



Leaflets were handed out to the audience prior to the Jimmy Carr show at The Lighthouse in Poole to raise awareness of tax avoidance by big business and wealthy individuals who often exploit loopholes in the system.

The latest Wealth and Assets survey showed that the top 10% of Britons are now 500 times wealthier than the bottom 10%. Every year, up to £120bn of tax goes uncollected, yet rather than tackling tax avoidance the government plans to sack 10,000 tax collectors.

If the rich paid their fair proportion of taxes – the cuts could be avoided. If we're all in this together – let's make sure the rich pay what they owe.

Say NO to South West NHS Pay Cartel

NHS Trusts across the South West have joined together and contributed an opening ante of £10,000 for a 'war chest' to attack national bargaining and introduce regional pay. The once 'secret' proposals make it clear that each Trust wants to reduce their pay bill from 68% to 60% which has the net effect of reducing individual earnings by up to 15%.

Please show your support to local NHS staff at the upcoming lobbies of Trust Board / Governor meetings:

Wed 26 Sept 8.30am - Poole Hospital, Longfleet Rd
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Thurs 4 Oct 4pm - Poole Salvation Army, New Orchard

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!

All pain – No gain

2.59M unemployed

1.57M claiming JSA

1M aged under 25 unemployed

904K unemployed over 12 months

475,000 job vacancies

8.12M working part time

1.42M working part time because cannot find full time work

1.9M in full-time employment but want / need more hours



1.75M children in workless households

1.5% - average annual pay rise (incl bonuses)

2.5% - annual rate of inflation

2011 4th Quarter growth rate minus 0.2%

2012 1st Quarter growth rate minus 0.3%

2012 2nd Quarter growth rate minus 0.7%