

# People on the headline? *Not in my name*

- **Workers out of work – 1.1 million jobs lost - the price of austerity!**
- **Public sector pensions' robbery – work longer, pay more and get less**
- **Prices are rocketing while wages freeze**
- **VAT increased – poorest households hardest hit**
- **Cuts to childcare**
- **Families feel the pinch**
- **War on welfare**
- **54 Remploy factories at risk – 2,800 disabled workers could lose their jobs**
- **16,500 police support staff gone**
- **Employment rights under attack**



The government says that cuts to our public services are necessary – it is the price we must pay to get the economy back on track.

## **Unite says No – there is an alternative!**

Around half a million public sector jobs will go, with another 700,000 disappearing from the private sector as the government drains £81 billion in public spending from the economy.

The government's plan is backfiring badly – the economy is on the brink of a double-dip recession.

George Osborne is taking from the poor and giving to the rich. The government will make £13.45 billion from the rise in VAT, but is losing £12.6 billion from tax cuts and other changes such as the cut in Corporation Tax.

Pensions' robbery – public sector workers will work longer, pay more and get less. The switch from RPI to CPI will devalue the average pension by 15 per cent.

Local government workers are being told to accept lower pay and terms and conditions or face the sack and 16,500 police support staff will lose their jobs.

Tax and benefit changes – are hitting working families hard.

### **Unite says cuts are not the answer – Fight for the alternative**

- Crackdown on tax havens, tax evasion and avoidance by those who can afford to pay their fair share to address the deficit. Potential gain: £95 billion
- Introduce a Robin Hood Tax on all city financial transactions. Potential gain: £4.2 billion a year on a tax of just 0.1%
- Go for growth and invest in our future. The government needs to invest now in jobs, communities and our youth – for a fairer Britain.

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