

Defend jobs, services, education and pensions

# NO cuts!

## Defend jobs and services

Join the campaign to save the welfare state

Hants Association of Trades Union Councils

invites you to a

# public meeting

## Wednesday March 9, 7:30pm

**Eastleigh Railway Institute** 2 Romsey Road



with

**Clare Solomon**

University of London Union President

**Megan Dobney,**

Southern & Eastern TUC secretary

**Don Harper**

National Pensioners' Convention (Hants)

**Mark Woods,**

Unite convenor, Southampton City Council

**Jon Woods**

Unison convenor, Portsmouth, and PACT

**Cllr Mike Roberts**

Rushmore Borough Council

## March for the alternative

Join the TUC demonstration

## London

## Saturday March 26

Check for transport from your area

Visit [www.unitetheunion.org](http://www.unitetheunion.org)

(<http://tiny.cc/rczby>)



Saturday 26 March 2011

## MARCH FOR THE ALTERNATIVE

Jobs • Growth • Justice



Assemble at 11am at Victoria Embankment, between Temple Place and Blackfriars, to march to a rally in Hyde Park

# Stop the ConDems **destroying** our lives

Hampshire, like every community in Britain, is being rocked by massive service cuts, job losses and pay freezes imposed by a Tory-led government of millionaires bent on destroying the welfare state, and for every public-sector job cut, at least one private-sector job will follow - with up to 1.3 million jobs in jeopardy.

With VAT at 20 per cent fuelling inflation, student fees tripled, the Education Maintenance Allowance scrapped, fuel and heating bills soaring, benefits slashed and wages and pensions under attack, working people are being told they must pay for a recession we had no part in creating.

**Hampshire County Council and Southampton and Portsmouth City councils are cutting thousands of jobs and telling thousands more to take pay cuts or be sacked**

● Children's and Adults' services are being slashed ● Class sizes are creeping up  
● Mobile libraries are being cut by 60 per cent ● Cuts in bus grants will hit the poorest as services are cut and fares rocket ● Train fares will rise by a third in the next few years ● District council budgets across the county have been cut by huge proportions ● Health cuts and privatisation threaten the very existence of a free NHS ● Council housing, still reeling from the mass sell-off started by Thatcher, will also be hit, with rents hiked and tenancies made temporary ● The housing benefit cap will force people out of wealthier areas.

But for the bankers whose reckless greed sparked the crisis it is obscene bonus as usual, while mortgage rates are way ahead of the base rate and small businesses are left high and dry, despite the billions in public money snaffled by the financial sector.

And as the cuts push the economy into reverse the Tory Chancellor has the cheek to blame it all on the weather.

Bank of England boss Mervyn King admits it is

the biggest attack on working people in since the 1920s - yet it is completely unnecessary.

Between 1918 and 1961 Britain's national debt was DOUBLE what it is today - but in the years after the second world war we created the NHS and built hundreds of thousands of council homes.

**The government's slash-and-burn policy was tried in Ireland - and Ireland's economy is now in tatters.**

## **There is an alternative**

- End the £120 BILLION tax-dodging industry
- Create a fair tax system under which the richest and corporations pay most
- Harness the banks to play a socially useful role supporting the economy
- Invest in public services that people need
- Build desperately needed council homes - creating jobs and preventing a return to the madness of a hyper-inflated housing market
- Cancel Trident and end unlimited spending on pointless and unwinnable wars

**Together we CAN stop them**

**Come to the public meeting in Eastleigh on March 9  
Join the London demonstration on March 26**