

Chorley Unite Against the Cuts

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Members of Unite the Union, Chorley branch and their families joined 500,000 demonstrators in London on March 26th to protest against the cuts facing the Health and Safety Executive.



The Health and Safety Executive watchdog are facing cuts of up to 35%, which will mean the chances of a HSE Inspector visiting your workplace increase to more than once in a life time!.

Steve Turner, Unite Chorley said, "The best way to ensure we keep workers safe is to ensure that workplace inspections are increased not reduced, regulations are enforced and not deregulated in the name of red tape.

We believe we need stronger enforcement of regulations that protect us at work. We will not stand by to see more and more working people die at work because of cut backs.

Today, we joined one of the biggest demonstrations we have ever seen with people from every corner of the UK, Doctors, Nurses, Engineers, Carers, Solicitors, Teachers, Factory workers, Families, Pensioners and Trade Unionist, and many more sections of our communities.

All were there to protest at job cuts, welfare state cuts, adult and children services cuts, education cuts, NHS cuts, increasing privatisation of services, cuts to job opportunities for young people, and many more cuts.

Despite the headline grabbing isolated trouble, the atmosphere was incredible, a celebration of unity between the marchers that produced a crescendo of noise and a wonderful splatter of colour.

This protest is not the end game; it will be a springboard for community outrage at the cuts we all face. It's time to decide what kind of society we want, not just for now but for future generations.

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