

Model Motion - Nov30 strikes.

[This branch] believes that the government's attacks on pensions, jobs and public services are completely unjustified, morally, politically and economically. To expect sacrifices from working people at a time when FTSE 100 directors pay has risen by 49%, over £1.75 million has been spent on bombing Libya and over £120 billion is lost each year due to tax avoidance, evasion and non-payment, is unacceptable.

[This branch] further believes that the decision to enforce austerity measures to pay off the UK deficit is a political decision. The trades union movement has proposed economic alternatives, such as those outlines in the People's Charter, which would re-stimulate the economy through a combination of investment in public services and housebuilding, control over export of capital, closing tax havens, and taking the leading companies of the mortgage, banking and insurance industries in to democratic public ownership. However, the government has refused to consider any alternative to making working people pay for the financial crisis.

[This branch] welcomes the action being taken by public sector workers on November 30th to defend their pensions. We also welcome the decision taken by unions to work together as part of a national TUC Day of Action, reaffirming the motto of our movement that Unity is Strength.

[This branch] resolves:

To send a message of support to those taking action on November 30th;

To invite a striking worker to address a workplace meeting on November 30th;

To donate [£XXX] to the Oxford & District TUC disputes fund to support the strikes;

To affiliate to Oxford & District TUC / The People's Charter Campaign [delete as applicable];

To support Oxfordshire Anti-Cuts Alliance.

Notes:

Donations to the disputes fund should be sent to ODTUC c/o R. Kelsall, PCS Office, E1A LCS, Bicester, OX25 0LP, payable to ODTUC, marked "strike fund" on the back.

Requests for speakers on November 30th can be emailed to g.little@odtuc.org.uk or by phone to 07967392229.