

SCRAP THE BEDROOM TAX STOP THE CUTS

“AXE THE TAX, CAN'T PAY, WON'T MOVE”

On the same day that this Tory government of millionaires cut the income tax for the rich earning over £150,000 pa, hundreds of thousands of council and housing association tenants face being penalised for supposedly having an “extra bedroom”. 650,000 people will lose 14% to 25% of their housing benefit unless they move to a smaller home. But no council houses have been built for the last 30 years so there are not enough one-bedroom properties to accommodate the numbers who are supposedly under-occupying their home. Many will be unable to pay and will be forced into rent arrears. Why should people who have lived in a house, sometimes for decades, be forced out of their home as a result of Tory government's cuts on the poor?

Public Meeting to

campaign in Rawmarsh against the Bedroom Tax

WEDS 8th MAY
7-00pm

Earl Grey(dining room),High St,Rawmarsh.

Speakers include: Andy Gray

Trade Unionist & Socialist candidate, Rawmarsh.

Andy Gray: “We beat the poll tax, we can beat the bedroom tax”

Just over twenty years ago Margaret Thatcher brought in the poll-tax. But local people organised in anti-poll tax unions and joined together across towns and cities and across the country. So that over 10 million people ended up not paying, clogged up the courts and stopped bailiffs. The poll tax became uncollectable and had to be scrapped. We need to try to build up a similar campaign against the bedroom tax and other cuts.

Who and what is TUSC?

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) was established in early 2010 to enable trade unionists, socialist and community campaigners to come together to stand candidates in elections to provide a fighting alternative to the mainstream parties.

TUSC is supported by the rail union RMT and its General Secretary Bob Crow, as well as other socialists and trade unionists.

TUSC have stood candidates in Rotherham council elections for the last two years and stood Ralph Dyson (the teachers union rep at RCS) in the Rotherham parliamentary by-election last November after Denis MacShane had to resign for fiddling his expenses.

In Rotherham, TUSC has spearheaded the campaign against the drastic cuts being proposed in Rotherham Hospital services (see overleaf).

TUSC can WIN

Trade Unionists and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) might be a new party but **two months ago TUSC won its first councillor in Rotherham.** In Maltby, Joe Robinson (TUSC) got 60% of the vote against the 'Labour' candidate. **This proves that TUSC can win.** Don't waste your vote on the failed mainstream and 'more Tory than the Tories' right-wing parties. **Ordinary people need an alternative to the pro-cuts agenda of all the main parties and of the racist far-right who try to scapegoat immigrants instead of the greedy capitalists and bankers who got us in this mess.** We need people who will stand up for ordinary working-class people.

PUTTING THE WORKING-CLASS FIRST

If you want further info or would like to help Andy's campaign, please ring Rotherham TUSC on 07706710041 or 07749981731 and/or visit www.tusc.org.uk

STOP ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL CUTS SAVE LOCAL NHS SERVICES

The Con-Dem government are trying to wreck our National Health Service through vicious cuts and more privatisation.

Overpaid bosses at Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust want to slash £50 million over the next 3 years by closing beds, shutting wards and getting rid of hundreds of jobs.

The Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC) collected over 3,000 signatures against these cuts. Andy presented the petitions to the Trust board at a protest at the hospital in January. And TUSC are working with the trade unions and the public to build a mass campaign to save our local hospital services.



Andy Gray
protesting against
unemployment and
slave labour
schemes with
Rotherham Against
the Cuts

WE WANT OUR BUSES BACK

Last year, TUSC supported the South Yorkshire Stagecoach busdrivers at Rawmarsh garage when they went on strike for a decent pay rise.

Now Stagecoach have changed the 108 & 109 bus service to Rawmarsh. We want it changed back because people relied on the old route to get to work, to school, to college, and for the elderly to get to the post office.

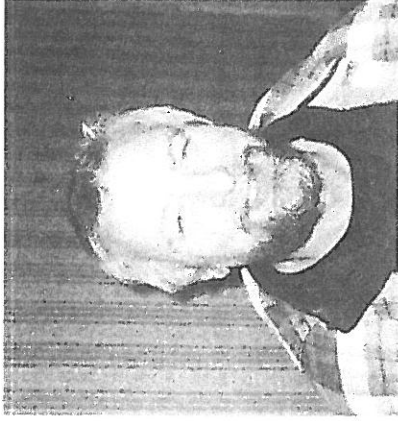
KIDS NOT CUTS

Two years ago, TUSC supported the teachers at Rawmarsh Community School who went on strike against the bullying Head making 30 teachers redundant.

Now the school has failed its latest Ofsted report. This proves that cuts, getting rid of experienced and well-liked teachers, has failed our children's education.

Rotherham Borough Council

RAWMARSH ward, by-election Thursday 16th May



ANDY GRAY, 51, has been a steelworker for 35 years currently working at Rotherham steelworks. He is an active campaigner in Rotherham Against Cuts and has protested against the far-right's racist and divisive demonstrations.

STANDING UP AGAINST TORY CUTS

Andy says: "£10 million public money spent on Thatcher's funeral is a disgrace when ordinary working class people are facing huge cuts. Cameron, Osborne and Clegg are making working-class and middle-class people pay the price for the bankers' greed and speculation. The Coalition govt plan austerity cuts until at least 2018. Whilst the rich get richer, we suffer redundancies, pay freeze, benefit cuts, 'bedroom' tax, and cuts to our NHS, education and council services.

Rotherham Labour Council has passed on these cuts shedding hundreds of jobs and closing youth centres and libraries. Instead of doing the Tories' dirtywork, councillors should be standing up to the government and representing the local people who elected them.

That's why I am a member of Socialist Party standing as a candidate for the Trade Unionists and Socialists Coalition (TUSC) because we need a party that will stand up for the millions not the millionaires."

If elected, Andy and TUSC will vote and organise campaigns against the bedroom tax and other cuts at Rotherham Borough Council.

Vote ANDY GRAY

Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts

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