



HOW CUTS IMPACT ON

PUBLIC SERVICES

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PUBLIC SPENDING CUTS WILL HURT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Northern Ireland depends to a great extent on public spending. This is because of our high levels of deprivation and an under developed economy as a result of the Troubles, plus we have a younger population with more young people in education.

Taking these into account, the size of public services in Northern Ireland is equivalent to the rest of the UK.

Over the next four years the Government intends to take more than **£2 BILLION** out of the Northern Ireland economy by slashing spending on important services which we all take for granted.

These cuts are unnecessary and they will have a damaging impact on us in a whole range of areas of life.

EDUCATION

- ▶▶ School closures
- ▶▶ Fewer teachers
- ▶▶ Larger class sizes
- ▶▶ Teachers on the dole
- ▶▶ A lost generation of young people
- ▶▶ Less qualified young people
- ▶▶ No jobs or low-paid jobs
- ▶▶ Dilapidated and dangerous school buildings

HOUSING

- ▶▶ Thousands more homeless
- ▶▶ Housing waiting lists multiplied
- ▶▶ Greater housing disrepair
- ▶▶ Higher rents
- ▶▶ Overcrowding
- ▶▶ Broken marriages
- ▶▶ Social breakdown
- ▶▶ Construction workers on the dole

HEALTH SERVICES

- ▶▶ Hospital closures in your area
- ▶▶ Greater ill health
- ▶▶ Longer waiting lists for vital operations
- ▶▶ Less treatment available from doctors and other health professionals

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ▶▶ Less local policing
- ▶▶ Delays for the new PSNI college
- ▶▶ More anti-social behaviour and crime
- ▶▶ Overcrowded prisons
- ▶▶ Reduced rehabilitation
- ▶▶ More dangerous workplaces

FIRE SERVICE

- ▶▶ The loss of hundreds of firefighters' jobs
- ▶▶ The closure and downgrading of dozens of fire stations
- ▶▶ The removal of numerous fire engines
- ▶▶ An increase in risk of death and injury to firefighters and members of the public

SOCIAL CARE

- ▶▶ Reduced provision for the elderly
- ▶▶ Vulnerable children in danger
- ▶▶ Closures of day centres
- ▶▶ Less support for disabled people
- ▶▶ Learning disability support undermined
- ▶▶ Mental health support eroded

THE CUTS WILL ALSO MEAN

- ▶▶ Cuts in Child Benefit
- ▶▶ Housing benefits cuts
- ▶▶ Library closures
- ▶▶ Cuts in social security payments
- ▶▶ Reduced support for families with children
- ▶▶ Women bear the brunt of the cuts
- ▶▶ Increased unemployment
- ▶▶ Closures of council leisure facilities
- ▶▶ A generation of young people condemned to the dole
- ▶▶ Higher costs for basic goods because of VAT increase

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Join us in our campaign against these vicious cuts in public services and make sure you do your utmost to protect your family and community.

You can help by:

- ▶▶ Endorsing the trade union alternative to programme of cuts.
- ▶▶ Write to your MP, MLA and local councillor asking them to endorse the trade union alternative to the cuts.
- ▶▶ Encourage your friends, family and neighbours to do the same.
- ▶▶ Support the trade union public demonstrations against the cuts.
- ▶▶ Support your local communities' struggles to protect local services.



Wednesday
SEPT 29

Rallies at City Hall, Belfast and Guildhall, L'Derry - 12.30pm

Saturday
OCT 23

1pm march & 2pm rally at City Hall, Belfast

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