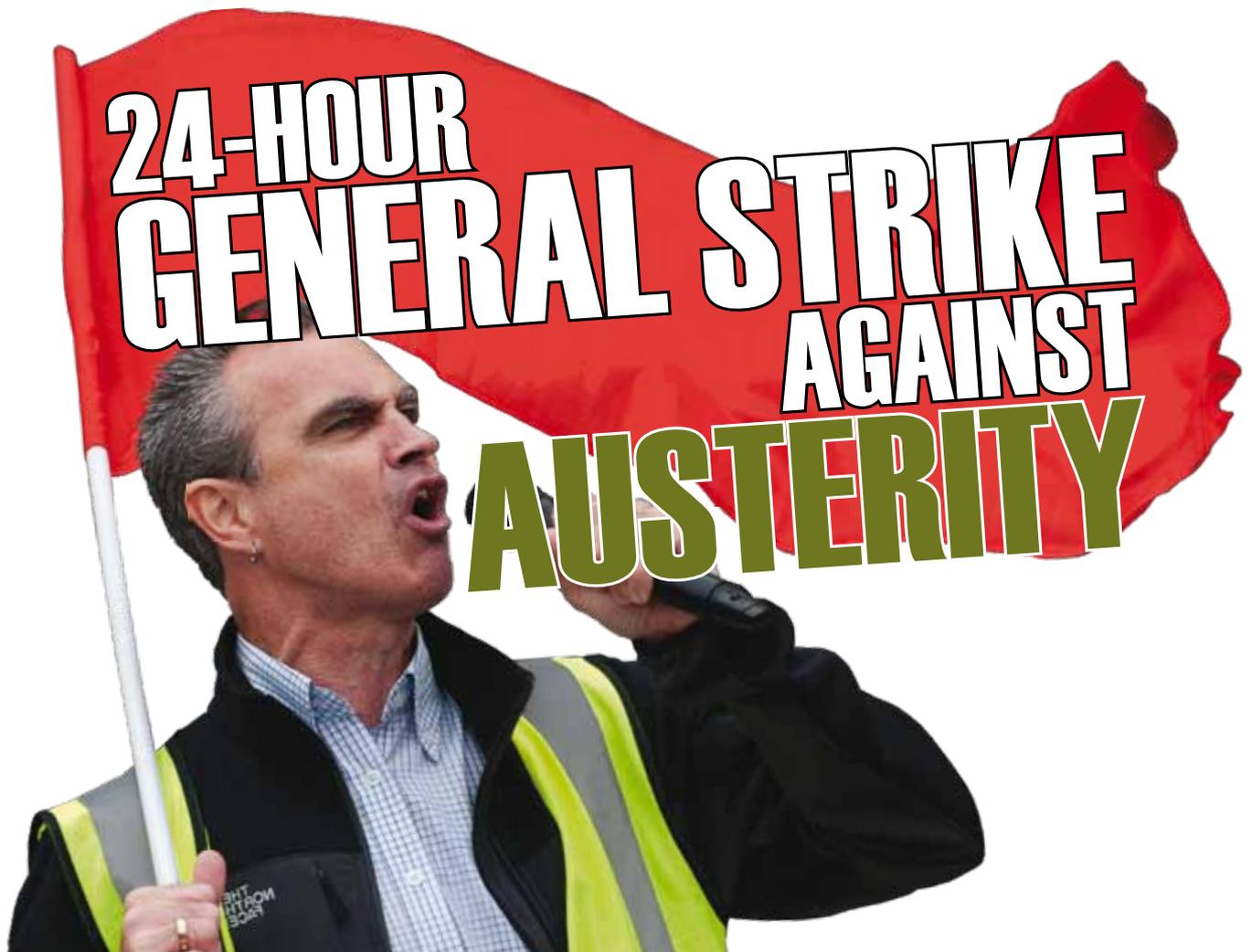




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TUC - NAME THE DATE



Lobby the TUC general council • Tuesday December 11

From 8.30am, come before work or during your lunch break

TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3LS

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Workers are facing the worst attack on their living standards in eighty years. We urgently need to escalate the fight against ConDem cuts. At its September annual congress the TUC agreed to 'consider the practicalities of a general strike'. At the magnificent 150,000 strong 20 October TUC demonstration three trade union general secretaries called for a general strike. Opinion polls have shown that over 80% of people would support a general strike. The NSSN is demanding that the TUC takes the next step and names the day for a 24 hour general strike against austerity in the New Year.

How you can support the campaign

- Come to the lobby on 11 December
- Get your trade union branch to pass a resolution in favour of the general strike
- Take the petition around your workplace and return the filled in sheets to us at NSSN, PO Box 54498, London E10 9DE (copies available at <http://bit.ly/WwgqM0>)
- If you can't make the lobby make sure you send us a message of support for it to info@shopstewards.net

Model motion

This [trade union body] welcomes the overwhelming vote at this year's TUC Congress in support of the POA motion. It called for the unions to take "coordinated action where possible with far-reaching campaigns including the consideration and practicalities of a general strike".

We are alarmed that a relentless barrage of even more austerity cuts is coming down the line, and will continue into the foreseeable future. Millions of workers, young people, the sick and the disabled face a lifetime of severe hardship through cuts to pay, conditions, benefits and services – the horrendous situation facing working people in Greece could be our future if we don't stop the ConDem attacks.

We believe austerity cuts must be stopped, and that the labour movement has the potential to force a massive U-turn on this coalition government of the rich, if our trade unions were to organise action decisively together.

We believe that the impressive TUC demonstrations on the 20th October, which saw over 150,000 trade unionists march in London, Glasgow and Belfast marks the beginning of a new stage of action.

We welcome the speeches of union general secretaries on October 20th who called for co-ordinated industrial action, up to and including a 24 hour general strike

We urge all unions who participated in the demonstrations to follow up with a further coordinated 24-hour national strike of both public and private sector workers, making direct calls to youth and students, the unemployed, and community campaigns to join in.

We note that the PCS has announced a national strike ballot on a number of issues, including pay.

We also note that a number of public sector unions have lodged a pay claim. We believe that this could provide the foundation for a national public sector strike which other unions in both public and private sectors could co-ordinate action with

We, therefore, agree that this branch will organise a local/regional meeting to discuss how to progress these ideas put forward by the PCS, RMT and POA at the TUC.

We also call on the national executive of our union to call on the TUC general council to meet urgently to name the date for a 24 hour general strike in the new year.



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