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- Fight ALL cuts to jobs and services
- For mass national co-ordinated strike action, up to and including a 24 hour general strike!
- For a national Saturday demonstration to defend the NHS!

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George Osborne's 3rd Autumn Statement, delivered before Christmas, confirmed that as far as the ConDems are concerned, we are in the age of austerity, with their cuts lasting well past the next election. It is already predicted that workers are on average 16% worse off since 2008, yet 78% of the original cuts programme is intended to be implemented over the next two years. We see on a daily basis the disaster that is affecting our NHS, education, public services and welfare state. However, the incredible 25,000-strong demonstration to save Lewisham A&E in January shows that working-class people are prepared to fight when given the opportunity. They are particularly angry about the attacks on the NHS.

Despite the best efforts of the right-wing press, the last two years have seen unions and their members fighting back against the government and the employers from the incredible N30 pensions strike to the victory of the construction electricians. But imagine the impact if all workers went on

strike together!

The National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) has been campaigning for the maximum co-ordinated strike action to stop the cuts. We organised a lobby of the TUC conference last September which brought up to a 1000 union activists to Brighton. We were delighted that the POA motion for the TUC to consider the 'practicalities' of a general strike was passed. As a result of the POA motion, the TUC General Council has been consulting with unions. This should lead to the TUC and the unions organising a joint strike that would seriously confront the ConDem cuts.

We believe that millions of workers are looking for a lead now. We also believe that a national demonstration against attacks on the NHS and any national co-ordinated strike action against all cuts, up to and including a 24 hour general strike would be overwhelmingly popular with those suffering from these brutal cuts.

There are any number of issues that could be the basis for common action - pay, redundancies, pensions, terms&conditions.

PCS is currently balloting to take national strike action on these very items. We call on all other public sector unions to urgently meet with the PCS to discuss co-ordinating ballots and action. There should then be a call out to all workers in the public sector to co-ordinate live disputes with any such action. This can be the route to strikes on a maximum scale.

The NSSN is happy to work with any unions that are willing to take steps towards such action and we are prepared to do all we can on a practical level to make joint action possible on the widest possible scale. Should the TUC general council not seriously move in the direction of large-scale co-ordinated action, we believe that a 'Coalition of the Willing' unions can and should be built, perhaps through a meeting of union executives and/or leading a conference of activists of all unions that can discuss calling joint action. We would be happy to do all we can to assist such initiatives.

## Come to the 7th Annual National NSSN Conference

11am-5pm, Saturday June 29th, Camden Centre, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE

The NSSN was initiated by the RMT transport union in 2006. Seven national unions - RMT, PCS, CWU, NUM, POA, NUJ, and BFAWU - are either affiliated to the NSSN or officially support it as well as countless union branches, shop stewards committees and trades councils.

We support workers in struggle as well as those facing

victimisation for the crime of defending their members from the employer's attacks.

The conference will include main sessions on resisting the cuts but also workshops on defending the NHS, organising in the workplace, housing, organising the unorganised, fighting blacklisting etc. It's open to everyone in the unions and all those fighting these brutal cuts.

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