

GREAT TURN OUT AT PENSIONS RALLY IN MILTON KEYNES

Wow – what a turn out !!

Over 200 people responded to the call to meet at the Civic Offices in central MK to protest at the attack on public sector pensions, the attack on the welfare state and the potential privatisation of the NHS.

Striking workers were joined by members of the MK Coalition of Resistance (the anti cuts group), members of the MK Pensioners Association, members of the MK Stop the War group, MK Labour Party Councillors and a variety of other groups and individuals – all united in opposition to the Con Dem Government’s pension “reforms” and attacks on working people.

The Rally, which was supported by the MK Trades Council and the MK Coalition of Resistance, heard a number of speakers including representatives of the GMB, UNISON, UNITE, PCS, NUT, CWU, NAPO, NASUWT and the MK Labour Party.

All speakers expressed their support for the strike and stressed the need for unity in the months ahead. In particular, the Coalition is trying to drive a wedge between Public Sector workers and workers in the Private Sector.

Working people are suffering whilst the tax dodgers get away with it. Speakers agreed that workers didn’t cause this crisis and shouldn’t be the ones who pay for it.

After the speeches we marched around the outside of the Shopping centre – a colourful sight with all the different Union banners and we made a lot of noise with chanting, whistles, vuvuzelas and a drum !! – the general response of the public was very supportive.

We went away energised by the speeches, the feeling of unity and the positive response of the public.

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