

INSPIRATIONAL MARCH FOR THE ALTERNATIVE

The TUC organised March for the Alternative held in London on Saturday 26 March should give the Con Dem Government something to think about.

Over 500,000 people from all over the country converged on London to say NO to unfair and unnecessary public spending cuts.

The March was noisy, colourful, passionate and good humoured. There were placards, flags and banners from all over the country. Many of the banners were hand made and were very amusing. One of my favourites, which will chime with people of a certain age, was a picture of Eric Pickles on the body of the Star Wars character Jabba the Hutt with the words Jabba the Cut !!

There was a great sense of solidarity and it was heart warming to see a mixture of people of all age groups, races and sexuality.

The GMB were very well represented and our distinctive orange flags permeated the demonstration. I was also impressed with the noise emanating from the orange GMB vuvuzelas – we must have some for the next Demo in MK!!

The March is, of course, just the start – the hard work begins now as we must fight to oppose the implementation of the cuts which will be so harmful to our members and the most vulnerable people in our society.

We move forward strengthened in the knowledge that we are not alone – millions of people are opposed to the cuts and are willing to work hard to defend our National Health Service and our Welfare State.

We must not let the millionaire Tory/Fib Dem Coalition destroy all the good things that our Unions have fought so hard for over the last Century.

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