

MARCHING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The TUC organised March for A Future that Works, held in London on Saturday 20 October, was an inspirational event.

Over 150,000 people from all over the country converged on London to say NO to Austerity, NO to Cuts and NO to Privatisation.

The March was noisy, colourful, passionate and good humoured. There were placards, flags and banners from all over the country. Many of the banners and T shirts were individually produced and very amusing. “Plebs and Proud” and “Plebs against the cuts” were very popular themes and we all enjoyed chanting “Pay your Taxes” as we passed Starbucks outlets !!

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. The noise emanating from the many orange GMB vuvuzelas was also very impressive!!



The speakers included many Trade Union leaders and Ed Miliband. Many speakers attacked the Tories and their Lib Dem accomplices for ruining the country and devastating public services. There was much support for a 24 hour General Strike.

The March is, of course, just the start – the hard work begins now as we must fight to oppose the implementation of the cuts and the privatisation of the NHS 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/ Lib Dem Coalition destroy all the good things that our Unions have fought so hard for over the last Century.

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