



## Keep Up the Pressure Follow up today's action with more strikes and mass demonstrations

**The People Before Profit Alliance fully supports the action taken by public sector workers today. This government wants to make workers pay for the crisis by cutting wages and services. We say make the rich pay.**

We have had three budgets of cuts since last October. After each the government barrowing requirement grew. That's because the government policy of cuts is depressing the economy. Rather than focusing on the debt, which is just a symptom of the economic crisis, we need an economic stimulus programme which will get people back to work.

And we need to go after the rich to make them pay for this stimulus programme. So far it's only workers and the unemployed who are being asked to make sacrifices.

**People Before Profit is calling for:**

- A major programme of job creation to get people back to work.
- A levy on the super rich (the top 5% who own 40% of all wealth).
- An increase in the top rate of tax for individuals earning more than 100,000 a year.
- No cuts for those on low and

middle incomes and those on social welfare.

- No cuts in vital public services.

The government has now launched an onslaught on public sector workers with the intention of cutting wages and jobs. Yet almost half of public sector workers earn less than the average industrial wage. These workers should not be targeted but those who have gained most from the Celtic Tiger should.

In this crisis, working people, in both the private and public sectors, and the unemployed will be even more dependent on vital public services. They should not be cut.

It's time now to call a halt. Today has shown that many workers have had enough of this government. But today must be the first step in a determined campaign of protest and work stoppages to get rid of this government.

**People Before Profits says only a determined campaign of protest and industrial action can protect us from further attacks:**

- Today's public sector strike should be only the start of a cam-

paign of industrial action. We believe that today's strike should have been accompanied by demonstrations to show the scale of the action and to allow private sector workers, the unemployed and others dependant on social welfare, and campaigners against cuts in public services to take part and show their opposition to this government.

- A date should now be set for a national day of action, including strike action by public and private sector workers, and with a mass mobilisation to march on the Dail.

• Action committees should be established in every locality with the aim of bringing workers, the unemployed and those affected by cuts into the campaign. Public meetings should be held in every town.

- End the talks. It is now clear that there is no partnership. No matter what deal is struck with the government there will be more pain for workers and the unemployed.

**Ultimately we need a political movement that puts the interests of workers and the unemployed before those of the rich and greedy. People Before Profit is working to build such a movement. Join us in this important work.**

### Join the People Before Profit Alliance

The People Before Profit Alliance is a new movement of community activists, socialists, environmental campaigners and trade unionists.

We stand for putting the needs of people and the environment before the profits of developers, bankers and big business.

We want more democracy in the way our community and the world is run. It's only through people power that we can achieve change.

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