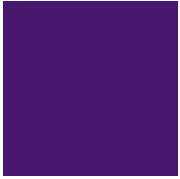
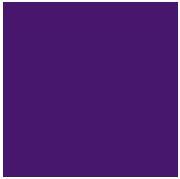




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Public services across the UK are at risk. Services that hold communities together and protect the most vulnerable in our society are being cut and privatised. This week Chancellor George Osborne has announced even more cuts in the Spending Review.

Osborne will say that, “we are all in this together”, but the cuts are hitting the poorest and most vulnerable in our society the hardest. Why should hardworking public service workers and local communities pay for the recession whilst the bankers who caused the crisis are still paying themselves millions in bonuses?

People are losing their jobs, young people are losing their access to quality careers advice and guidance, private companies are circling our NHS and our education system, waiting to take over schools and hospitals.

Independent research shows that women will bear the brunt of these cuts. 65% of the public sector workforce is female, so job losses and pay freezes in the public sector will hit women hardest. Women are also more reliant on many of the welfare benefits that are being cut. This is extremely unfair and could breach equality legislation.

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# There is an alternative to cuts.



After World War II national debt was around five times higher than it is now and yet the government still managed to create the NHS, a welfare state and build two million council homes. Despite what the ConDem coalition government say, there is an alternative to cuts.

We can reduce the deficit and at the same time create a fairer society for all, here are a few suggestions:

**Close the tax gap** - £120 billion a year is lost via tax avoidance, tax evasion and late payment of tax. Tackling this will raise billions.

**Scrap Trident** - we could save £100 billion by scrapping Trident.

**Tax incomes over £100,000** - £4.7 billion a year could be raised by introducing a 50% tax rate on incomes over £100,000.

**Robin Hood Tax** - a financial transaction tax on the banks could raise £30 billion a year.

**Empty properties tax** - £5 billion could be raised every year with a tax on empty properties which exacerbate housing shortages and harm neighbourhoods.

**Reform tax havens and residence rules** - We could raise £10 billion a year by reforming tax havens and residence rules to reduce tax dodging by corporations and non-domiciled residents.

**Stop tax relief for the wealthy** - £14.9 billion could be raised every year by using minimum tax rates to stop reliefs being used to disproportionately subsidise incomes over £100,000.

**ConDem cuts are neither fair or necessary. They are driven by a nasty ideology rather than sensible and basic economics.**

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