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**UNISON, the UK's leading public service union, is at the heart of the campaign to defend our public services and help create a fairer society.**

Public services that hold our communities together and protect the most vulnerable in our society are being cut and privatised by the Tory-led coalition.

We have seen high inflation, high unemployment, cuts in benefits, cuts to the Education Maintenance Allowance and Connexions services, rising university fees and service cuts - all of which the government is responsible for - and all of which are totally unfair and unnecessary.

The coalition government is using the banking crisis as an excuse to cut these jobs and services. They have declared that there is no alternative to the public sector cuts but they are wrong - there is a fairer alternative.

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WE ARE NOT "ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"**

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## Speak up - there is an alternative to public service cuts

Here are just a few of the alternatives to public service cuts - alternatives that the Government can afford to make but refuse to listen to!

- ◆ **stop the bankers bonuses** - at a time when public sector workers are being forced to fund a deficit that they haven't created, bankers are still receiving their bonuses. Did you know that Barclays boss Bob Diamond was awarded a £6.5million bonus - this could have paid for more than 200 trained social workers or nurses for a year or pay for 144 libraries!
- ◆ **close the tax gap** - £120billion a year is lost via tax avoidance, tax evasion and late payment of tax. Tackling this will raise billions.
- ◆ **Robin hood tax** - a tiny tax on the financial sector which can generate £20billion annually. That's enough to protect schools and hospitals, enough to stop massive cuts across the public sector, and enough to build new lives around the world. The banks can afford it. The systems are in place to collect it. It won't affect ordinary members of the public, their bank accounts or their savings. It's fair, it's timely, and it's possible.
- ◆ **end privatisation of public services** - private companies are making huge profits from public service contracts. In reality, public services are too important to compete on price. Competition merely leads to a race to the bottom, with providers racing to compete on costs to the detriment of service quality. Local authorities, the NHS and other public bodies should be focusing on in-house improvement plans instead of seeing outsourcing as the only way forward.

**Don't stand by while politicians decide on public service cuts that could hurt your family and neighbourhood. Now is the time to pile on the pressure to defend your local community's health, safety, education and environment**

- ◆ Join us today as we march for public services
- ◆ Go to [unison.org.uk/million](http://unison.org.uk/million) and add your voice to our campaign
- ◆ Encourage your family and friends to sign up too
- ◆ Contact your MP or local councillors to tell them why they shouldn't cut public services that so many people rely on
- ◆ Write to your local papers or go onto their website and tell them why local services matter to you.

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