

Barnet TUC

Supporting trade unions and public services in Barnet

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Support for the civil service strikes, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 March 2010

Barnet trades council (Barnet TUC) will be showing its support for the strikes by civil servants on Monday 8th and 9th March 2010.

The strikes are in response to the government's unilateral plan to end the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (CSCS). Ending the scheme will make it far cheaper for the government to make civil servants redundant in the future. The worked examples that senior civil service management have produced to show that civil servants will only be slightly worse off are based on compulsory redundancy. In fact, most of the jobs lost in the recent past have been voluntary redundancies. On this basis, the losses would be substantial.

Up to a quarter of a million members of the civil service Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) will also be striking to end the two-tier redundancy system whereby new entrants since July 2007 are on inferior terms. The union is calling for levelling up of terms.

Trades council members from unions including PCS, Unison, GMB, NUT, NASUWT, RMT, NUJ and Unite will visit picket lines on Monday and Tuesday at High Barnet and Hendon Jobcentre Plus offices, and will support the PCS march and rally on Tuesday 9 March.

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The PCS London march will assemble at 11.30am on Tuesday 9 March at Geraldine Mary Harnsworth Park, St George's Road, SE1, next to the Imperial War Museum, and march to a rally at 1pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QW. Details: http://www.pcs.org.uk/en/news_and_events/events/london_and_the_south_east.cfm/id/5BEDC980-869A-407E-B5AB89DA311D34F6

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