



STRONGER TOGETHER

CONGRESS

Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Northern Ireland Committee

A Better & Fairer Deal For Northern Ireland

Government has spent £ billions bailing out the banks.

Now everyone is being asked to pay with cuts to our Education, Health, Housing, Transport and other vital public services.

These cuts will mean the loss of even more jobs in the private and public sectors and damage the Northern Ireland economy.

Everyone in Northern Ireland relies on quality public services - the Private Sector, the Voluntary & Community Sector will all be hit.

Northern Ireland's trade unions believe that there is a better & fairer way – maintaining quality public services, protecting jobs and meeting the needs of those in the community who depend on these services.

(See NIC-ICTU's 10-point plan overleaf)

Please support the trade unions' campaign.

Join with us at these lunchtime rallies across Northern Ireland

1pm Friday, 6 November 2009

ARMAGH
(Hospital)

BELFAST
(City Hall)

MAGHERAFELT
(Diamond)

BALLYMENA
(Diamond)

DERRY
(Custom House Street,
off Guildhall Square)

NEWRY
(City Hall)

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- 1. Protect Jobs, Services and Tackle Unemployment**
 - This must be the top priority for the NI Executive
 - Everything else follows from this
 - Social solidarity is better than 'sharing the pain'
- 2. Protecting private sector jobs and workers**
 - A Workers Protection Fund
 - A pension for all workers- public and private
 - Ensuring Strategic Investment benefits all sectors of the NI economy
 - Developing local enterprises not short-term FDI
- 3. Investment in Public Services**
 - Protect Health Services for children, mothers and the elderly
 - Invest in education for pupils, students and workers
 - Keep transport in public ownership
 - Recognition that public services create more than employment
- 4. Sustainable and efficient growth**
 - Housing retrofit and Green New Deal – creating 24,000 jobs
 - Improved marketing and services for SMEs & start-ups
 - Developing skills base of social economy
 - Support for retraining in manufacturing
 - Exploring demand after the recession
- 5. Preventing homelessness**
 - Preventing home reposessions from our public banks
 - Investment in Social Housing
 - Protecting older workers from fuel poverty
- 6. Tackling the R&D deficit**
 - Measures to address lowest per capita R&D spending in UK
 - Credit from public banks for SMEs, Start-ups and R&D
- 7. A sustainable pension for all workers**
 - A sustainable pension as a universal right
 - Encouraging pension funds from NI to invest locally
- 8. A starting chance for younger workers**
 - A policy aimed at preventing under-25s sliding into Long-Term Unemployment
 - Ensuring that skills match the labour market, and there will be quality jobs for skilled workers and graduates in NI
- 9. A common vision for co-operation**
 - Agreed MoU with OFMDFM
 - Structures for New Framework with employers
- 10. Implementation & Financing**
 - Exploring options for NI Executive (bonds, loans, taxes)
 - Fairness proofing domestic and non-domestic rates