



**HOW CUTS IMPACT ON**

# EDUCATION

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## SACRIFICING OUR CHILDREN IS POOR ECONOMY

This coalition government doesn't pull any punches. It admits that cuts in public finance will put **tens of thousands on the dole and see massive cuts in our public services**. They say it has to be done – that we need a leaner and fitter economy and that the private sector will fill the gaps.

There are plenty of economic experts to give them the lie. They say that the cuts will start **a spiral of depression that will impoverish us all**.

If the Government proceeds with the level of cuts it has promised then our **children and young people will suffer**. Unemployment in the family will impact on their quality of life and their own mental health.

The outcome will be that we are robbed of the knowledge and skills needed for a **prosperous and civilised** society. Young people will suffer again as school provision and youth services are affected. Pupils will face **larger classes** and there will be **fewer support services** available to those who need that little bit of extra help.

## CLASS SIZE

The cuts mean we will see more and more pupils **crammed** into classrooms, with **fewer** resources available to them in terms of computers, books and equipment.

## EARLY YEARS

The better start a child gets through early years' education, the better that child's chances will be. Early detection of reading and language problems can be dealt with through additional support, giving the child a better chance of succeeding as s/he moves up the school. **All this is under threat**.

## SPECIAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Education cuts will reduce the level of support available for pupils who have **special educational needs**. The loss of classroom assistance will set special needs pupils back immeasurably.

## STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

The Government claims to wish to raise standards but **how can this happen if the resources** – both human and physical – **are not there to do it?**

Already we are seeing the knock-on effects of cuts in **university places**. Young people who want to study for a degree are being denied the opportunity to do so and they are then applying for places in the Further Education sector. This means **fewer places** for other young people.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The state of some of our school premises in terms of maintenance is atrocious and will get worse when action is not taken to **repair** and **rebuild** the schools that need it. How many children should be injured in the name of ‘efficiency’?

## YOUTH SERVICES

As the education budget reduces there will be pressure to cut back on the range of activities for young people. Many teenagers are helped to gain social skills and avoid being drawn into **anti-social behaviour**.

## LIFE-LONG CHANCES

And the cuts won’t stop at the school gates. Adult education will also be slashed which will steal away **second chances** for many people and will undermine our **skills base**.

►► *We are told there is only one way to resolve our financial difficulties – we believe that there **IS** an alternative which is better and fairer. Make sure **YOUR** voice is heard – future generations will thank you for protecting their education and careers.*

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

Join us in our campaign against these vicious cuts in public services and make sure you do your utmost to protect your family and community.

You can help by:

- ▶▶ Endorsing the trade union alternative to programme of cuts.
- ▶▶ Write to your MP, MLA and local councillor asking them to endorse the trade union alternative to the cuts.
- ▶▶ Encourage your friends, family and neighbours to do the same.
- ▶▶ Support the trade union public demonstrations against the cuts.
- ▶▶ Support your local communities' struggles to protect local services.



**Wednesday**  
**SEPT 29**

*Rallies at City Hall, Belfast and  
Guildhall, L'Derry - 12.30pm*

**Saturday**  
**OCT 23**

*1pm march & 2pm rally at  
City Hall, Belfast*

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