

If we all unite we can defeat this government

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Today's demonstrations in London and Manchester are a vital first step towards bringing the new mass movement of young people together with trade union members suffering the Tories' slashing of our jobs and public services.

For the thousands of young people who took part in the education protests at the end of last year, it was never just about tuition fees, or even the abolition of Education Maintenance Allowance. It was about the youth unemployment at historically high levels, anger at the lies and betrayals of the politicians, and the realisation that whilst ordinary people were suffering, the rich and tax-dodging corporations were getting off scot-free.

Young people across the country realised that they were facing a desolate future with no employment, poor education, and with no safety net to fall back on when times get hard. For hundreds of thousands of young people in Britain this has become a fight to the death - break the coalition, or get broken by it.

But that's the situation facing the whole country, with the Localism bill, NHS reform, school reform, housing, welfare, pensions and pay cuts set to hit the poorest hardest and cause chaos

in the services we all rely on.

Now the students have shown how to fight, and how to shake the Con-Dems, it's time for the trade unions, youth and communities to work together to bring it down for good.

It can be done, but only if we unite.

Local anti-cuts groups have been set up in many towns and cities across the UK. Students should seek to unite their anti-fees and cuts campaigns with trade union and community anti-cuts groups, send delegations to them and, in the run up to the 26 March when the mass TUC march takes place, put pressure on councils not to implement the government cuts. We should ask local councils, Labour councils in particular to help and support our campaigns against central government cuts. Anti-cuts activists should join the Coalition of Resistance, to coordinate campaigns at a national level and bring forward the broadest unity.

Trade unions facing cuts and privatisation need to bring forward their strike ballots now. There is no time to lose, as jobs are being lost all the time. We need to coordinate our strikes by having cross union actions on the same days.



We should start with a national education strike, bringing together all the lecturers and teachers who have proudly supported the actions of their students. Students and lecturers need to campaign for this in the unions and the anti-cuts groups to make it a reality. If the union leaders won't call this action, then branches and anti-cuts groups should coordinate it from below.

By coordinating strikes we can bring forward pressure on the TUC to call for general strike to bring down the millionaire coalition permanently.

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