

UNITE THE RESISTANCE

**Unite the Resistance Greater Manchester
Public Meeting
Wednesday 29th February
Mechanics Institute, Princess Street, Manchester
Stalls from 6.30pm, 7pm start**

From Cairo to Wall Street and from Athens to Barcelona, resistance to austerity is growing. On 30 November, that resistance came to Britain.

On that day, 2.5 million public sector trade unionists in Britain took strike action against the government's attempts to loot their pensions.

But this was much more than a fight for pensions; it was a chance for everyone to express their anger and resistance to the austerity programme that will see ordinary working people pay for the economic crisis.

It is a struggle everyone should support. The outcome will shape resistance in Britain for years to come.

This is why a group of trade unionists have set up Unite the Resistance. It is an organisation that aims to unite all those in the trade union movement who want to see the resistance of the 30 November strikes grow and deepen; across all unions, public and private sector; employed or unemployed; against austerity in whatever form it takes, whether pension cuts, job losses or pay freezes.

On 29th February Unite the Resistance comes to Manchester. This meeting will bring together trade unionists and anti-cuts activists from across Greater Manchester to debate and discuss the way forward for our movement. Speakers include Mark Serwotka, General Secretary of the PCS civil service union and Karen Reissmann, UNISON activist and NEC member. Come along to the meeting and get involved – let's unite the resistance in Greater Manchester.

In solidarity,

Sue Bond, Vice President, PCS

Geoff Brown, Secretary, Manchester Trades Union Council

Andy Cunningham, Assistant Branch Secretary, UNISON Man Met Uni

Marion Doherty, Senior Steward, UNISON Manchester City Council

Joanna Gilmore, Branch Executive, UCU Manchester University

Sharon Green, PCS DWP Greater Manchester; President, Manchester Trades Union Council

Simon Hickman, Branch Secretary, FBU Agecroft

Linda Holden, Branch Secretary, UNISON Man Met Uni

Mike Killian, Branch Executive Committee, UNISON Transport for Greater Manchester

Rick Lighten, Communications Officer, UNISON Man Met Uni

Caroline Martin, Unite University of Manchester

Claire Miller, UNISON Manchester Community and Mental Health Branch

Tina Purcell, Co-Convenor Manchester Coalition Against Cuts

Paul Rafferty, Branch Chair, UNISON Manchester AQA

Karen Reissmann, National Executive Committee, UNISON

Caroline Ridgway, Joint Branch Secretary, UNISON Manchester Community Mental Health

Jimmy Thornton, Branch Secretary, Unite Manchester City Council

Mike Young, Joint Vice Chair, PCS Equality & Human Rights Commission
(All signatories are in a personal capacity)

Supporting organisations

Bolton Trades Union Council
Greater Manchester Education Activist Network
Manchester Against Fees and Cuts
Manchester NUJ branch
Manchester Right to Work
UCU Manchester Metropolitan University
UNISON Bolton Health Branch
Unite Fujitsu Manchester Reps Committee
Unite Greater Manchester IT Branch
Unite Manchester Area Activists Committee
Unite Manchester City Council Branch

Unite the Resistance National Steering Committee

Alex Kenny NUT NEC, **Dave Harvey** NUT NEC, **Gavin Reid** UCU NEC, **Liz Lawrence** UCU NEC, **Sean Vernell** UCU NEC, **Sue Bond** PCS Vice President, **Zita Holbourne** PCS NEC, **Andy Reid** PCS NEC, **Paul Holmes** Unison NEC (pc), **Karen Reissmann** Unison NEC (pc), **Jon Rogers** Unison NEC (pc), **Max Watson** Unison NEC (pc), **Sara Bennett** Unite EC, **Martin Mayer** Unite EC, **Jane Stewart** Unite EC, **Mark Wood** Unite EC