

Scottish Socialist

Party

COUNCIL WORKERS VOICE



Defeat the LABOUR LIARS!

RALLY round the strikers, Sat 17th, 11am, St Enochs

The Scottish Socialist Party salutes the strength, unity and tenacity of all Day Service strikers. Despite the hardship of 5 weeks without pay, the action is still rock solid. The members' meetings are getting bigger and better - not weakening. The noise, colour, song, humour and anger of the mass demo of over 300 outside the Commonwealth Games event showed the champagne-swilling dignitaries *and* the general public that we are not going away.

Large numbers of trade unionists from other workplaces joined that demo - and they have shown their support in large numbers of workplace collections to sustain the strikers. Even the media has lifted at least the corner of their blanket of silence. Getting on TV and in the *Evening Times* has helped inform working class people of the issues. The Labour councillors can skulk away and hide in the City Chambers, but they will have been mortified that even their in-house daily paper, the *Evening Times*, reported the strike.

Now the pressure on these wage-cutting, service-cutting, anti-union Labour axe-wielders needs to be stepped up.

Strikers and carers must stay united and:

- Build the rally on Saturday - delegations from unions across Scotland are already promised (Edinburgh, Falkirk, Lanarkshire, Ayrshire, as well as Glasgow).
- Bombard individual councillors with phone calls, emails, and especially face-to-face, including at their surgeries.

- Expose the Labour liars to the public they rely on for their salaries!

- **Labour Lie #1:** In the Role Profile Review stage Day Service workers were told the council will no longer need to recognise SVQs.

But in a top secret draft document from the council, to go to councillors and then the Scottish government to justify their 're-design', the council boast that their super-duper new service will meet SVQ standards!

- **Labour Lie # 2:** The same document claims all 'stakeholders' have been consulted on the service re-design. Not a single union member has been consulted. When a group of 30 carers turned up to a meeting with the council this week, supposedly for consultation with carers, they were told they were not invited!

- **Labour Lie # 3:** When the same carers demanded to know what was being done with the Council's savings on wages during the strike, they were told agency staff were being hired to provide a service. Yet most carers have had absolutely no such service, no respite from the council, for the past 5 weeks.

Stay strong and united. We can win!



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**Scottish Socialist Party
PUBLIC MEETING**

TODAY! ... Friday 16th ... TODAY!

**@ about 1pm (straight after strikers' meeting)
@ Laurie's Bar, King St, Trongate**

**speakers: ALISON KELLY (secretary UNISON Day Care stewards)
RICHIE VENTON (SSP national trade union organiser)**

- **air your views on what to do next to win on pay and services**
 - **discuss the lessons of the strike so far**
- ALL STRIKERS AND CARERS WELCOME**



“We are strong, solid and determined to win.
We were right to strike and that is proven by the Council's latest document. They asked us to talk about the re-design for 6 weeks before we went on strike. 5 weeks later all they have produced is a pack of lies. They claim they will have professional, highly skilled staff up to SVQ level - to try and get agreement on their re-design from the Scottish government. But they already have the highly

skilled, professional staff, and they want to cut our pay. And they told us plainly that they did not have to recognise our SVQs. The fact the Council has only met with us only once in 5 weeks - which the strike forced them into - shows just what they think of the vulnerable service users and their carers. **We are determined to see this through.”**

Alison Kelly, UNISON Day Care stewards sec.

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 - **public ownership of banks, big industry, services and N Sea oil**
 - **an independent, nuclear free, socialist Scotland**
- Reject the parties of the millionaires - Labour AND SNP. Reject lies and sleaze.**
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