

SCOTLAND UNITED AGAINST AUSTERITY

SATURDAY 20 JUNE • GEORGE SQ GLASGOW



TRADE UNION BRIEFING

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Purpose: The STUC has called this event to demonstrate the widespread opposition to the Tory Government in Scotland and to unite across the UK in opposition to further austerity and attacks on trade unions. Organised jointly with the People's Assembly in Scotland and sponsored by the key groups involved in that coalition. Coinciding with major events taking place in London and the rUK. The STUC expects thousands to attend.

Details: Rally in George Square from 12noon—4pm with keynote speakers from the trade union movement, anti-austerity, campaigning and community organisations. The rally will include a trade union organising point at which attendees can join, receive further information about trade unions and trade union campaigns.

Key trade union message: Trade unions aim to be in the forefront of the campaign in Scotland against austerity. Trade union membership and activity has a key role in reversing existing policies and building solidarity and social justice and proposed attacks on trade union freedom must be resisted.

Key features: Family friendly event designed to unite all those who oppose Tory rule and continuing austerity irrespective of their voting decision in the referendum or the recent General Election. Speeches interspersed with music and entertainment with people free to attend at different points in the day.

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Timetable for activity

Already running: Facebook event 'Scotland Against Austerity' is live 'Freedom Square' Facebook group have agreed to support the event.

26th May—19th June: Organisations can add their name to the supporters list. Leafleting in towns and cities to be announced on STUC website and facebook.

28th May: PDF versions of leaflets and poster available for download.

1st June: Paper copies of leaflets available.

5th June: Announcement of speakers and performers.

Suggested affiliate activity

- Circulate this briefing to all branches.
- Ensure event is advertised on union webpages and through social media.
- Promote attendance through circulating electronic versions of publicity and requesting leaflets & posters.
- Highlight the importance of bringing trade union banners to the event.
- Undertake media activity in the run up to the event identifying your union's key campaigning and industrial priorities.
- Encourage those responsible for organising strategies within the union to attend and bring promotional materials for the trade union information point.

For further details contact STUC at 0141 3378100 or dmoxham@stuc.org.uk