

All Britain

Anti-Poll Tax Federation

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URGENT FINANCIAL APPEAL !!

To all Anti-poll tax unions.

The battle against the poll tax is now reaching a crucial stage. The federation is poised for a marvellous victory over the Tory government but we will not be able to achieve this without sufficient financial resources. Without a massive increase in the amount of money coming into the federation WE WILL BE WITHOUT ANY FUNDS WITHIN TWO WEEKS ! This is no false alarm. We have outstanding bills for thousands of pounds which have to be paid over the next fortnight.

It has never been easier for A.P.T.U.'s to raise money than at present. We are therefore requesting that each A.P.T.U. sends the federation £10.00 within the next week. In addition to this measure every regional/city federation must pay thier affiliation fees of £100.00 without delay. If any federation is unable to pay up the all Britain Federation must be contacted.

In our previos circular trade union appeal letters were enclosed. These letters must be used to raise funds from the trade unions. Has your A.P.T.U. sent the appeals out to local workplaces ?

THE DEMO MARCH 31: STEWARDS NEEDED.

It now looks certain that our initial target of 30,000 people on the DEMO will be exceeded. In order to ensure the smooth running of this event we urgently need the names of members of your A.P.T.U. who would be prepared to steward on the day of the DEMO. Five stewards are required from each A.P.T.U. and names should be notified to the national federation as soon as possible.

There is now no doubt that we are winning this battle . As long as we ensure we have sufficient financial resources to produce new material and to answer the lies of the media it is entirely possible that the poll tax could be dead within six months ! PLEASE TREAT THIS APPEAL WITH THE MAXIMUM URGENCY.

Yours fraternally

Steve Nally. (National Secretary).

Founding conference of 2,000 on November 25 1989, representing 550 Anti-Poll Tax Unions, 547 Trade Unions, Labour Parties, Youth and Community Organisations

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Founded November 1989 at a Conference of 2,000 Delegates – Today represents 1400 Affiliates

To all Trade Union Branches and Shop Stewards

Build the Campaign for Mass Non-Payment

The All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation is calling upon trade unions and workers throughout the country to join a national demonstration against the poll tax on March 31.

The massive opposition to the poll tax has split the Tories from top to bottom. One hundred Tory seats are threatened by the poll tax alone. This demonstration will be a massive show of strength and will prepare the ground for the next stage of the struggle.

The Poll Tax will take no account of an individuals ability to pay – the lowest paid workers will pay the same as the directors. The poll tax will hit hardest those workers already struggling to meet massive rent increases and rising mortgage repayments.

To avoid cuts in jobs and services many councils are planning to set a poll tax rate of over £500. Millions of workers will simply not be able to find the extra £10 a week.

Scotland has shown the Way!

Over one million people in Scotland are refusing to pay the poll tax. Every attempt to carry out warrant sales (sales of personal property) has been defeated by the campaigns organised by Anti-Poll Tax Unions. Banks are reluctant to freeze accounts. Many local authorities are now looking to attempt to deduct the poll tax from wages and benefits. The Trade Union movement can play a decisive role in defeating any such attempt.

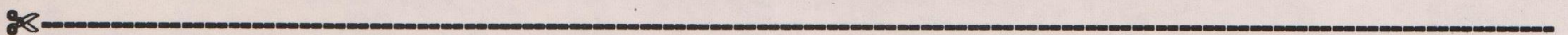
Already NALGO, the National Communications Union (NCU) and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) have a national policy of fighting the poll tax by non-payment. Trade councils and union branches of the T&GWU, NUM, CPSA, NALGO, NCU, COHSE, NATFE, NUJ, AEU, MSF, NUT, NGA, SOGAT, NUPE, UCW, IRSF, GMBATU, FBU, UCATT and others, have affiliated to local Anti-Poll Tax Unions and the national Anti-Poll Tax Federation. The unity of trade unionists and community organisations to fight the poll tax is growing.

Join the Demo – March 31st Kennington Park, Lambeth to Trafalgar Square

In order to ensure the success of this event we need to raise £15,000 by April 1st. We appeal to all trade union branches to affiliate to our campaign and sponsor the Demo on March 31st.

Let's make the Demo the beginning of the end for the poll tax. We urge every trade union branch to book transport and bring your members along.

Together We Can Defeat Thatcher's Poll Tax.



We would like to affiliate to the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation

Organisation:

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We would like to sponsor the Demo, and enclose a donation of £.....