



RESISTING AUSTERITY

in Europe and in the U.K.

A Conference for trade unionists

organised by the SERTUC Public Services and International Committees on

Saturday 16 March 2013

10.00 am – 16.00 pm, Congress House, Great Russell St, London WC1 3LS

Session One - International crisis, International resistance
with speakers from GREECE, PORTUGAL and IRELAND

Session Two - Austerity in Britain, there IS an alternative
with speakers from TUC, PCS, CLASS, PEOPLE'S CHARTER

Session Three - How trade unions can fight austerity
with speakers from UNISON, UNITE, FBU, POA, CWU, NUT, UK Uncut

Resisting Austerity in Europe and in the U.K.

Across Europe, trade unionists are having to resist an assault on living standards and an attempt to roll back all the gains won by our movement over decades. Yet, as unions have warned, cuts and 'austerity' are just making the economic crisis worse.

It is against that background, and following shortly after a European Trade Union Confederation Day of Action, that this SERTUC Conference is being organised. Come and join the debates, and hear from leading speakers from across the trade union movement, to discuss how we can organise to oppose austerity in Europe and the U.K.

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- 10.00 Registration (tea and coffee provided)
- 10.20 Welcome to Delegates, Martin Gould, SERTUC President
- 10.35 **First Session – International crisis, international resistance**
- **Portugal** – Fernando Mauricio, Head of International Department, CGTP trade union confederation
 - **Greece** – Marina Prentoulis and Andrew Burgin from the Greece Solidarity Campaign
 - **Ireland** – Paul Murphy GUE/NGL Member of European Parliament
- 11.55 **Second Session – Austerity in Britain**
- **There IS an alternative** – John McNally, PCS Vice President
 - **The People's Charter** – Bill Greenshields, People's Charter TU Officer
 - **An Economic Overview** – Duncan Weldon, TUC Senior Economist
 - **The Impact on Equalities** – Sarah Veale, Head of Equality, TUC
 - **OWEN JONES** - Writer and Policy and Media Advisor for CLASS
- 13.15 Lunch (sandwich buffet and soft drinks provided)
- 14.00 **Third Session – How trade unions can fight austerity**
- **MATT WRACK** - FBU General Secretary
 - **JOE SIMPSON** - POA, Assistant General Secretary
 - **GAIL CARTMAIL** - Assistant General Secretary at Unite
 - **MAX HYDE** - NUT, Junior Vice-President
 - **PAUL MOFFATT** - CWU Regional Secretary
 - plus speakers from **UNISON** and **UK UNCUT**
- 15.45 Concluding remarks and close of Conference
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To book your free place at the Conference, email Joanne Adams at JAdams@tuc.org.uk
