

# **SUPPORT OUR RALLIES ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## **Children Welcome!**



## **REJECT THE GOVERNMENT'S LIES!**

More than three-quarters of a million public sector workers are striking on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June to defend the pension arrangements which were won by previous generations for the public sector workers yet to come.

Despite the Government and the right-wing media attempting to cloud the issue, the facts of this dispute are as follows:

- The National Audit Office and the Public Accounts Committee have confirmed that as a result of the most recent changes to public sector schemes in 2007, the cost to the taxpayer reduces from 1.9% of GDP in 2010 to between 1% and 1.4% of GDP by 2060
- The total bill for public sector pensions is less than the amount of tax relief the Government provides on the pensions of the highest earners
- The Government rhetoric about “increasing life expectancy” is misleading as it deliberately ignores regional variations. In some parts of the north west, average life expectancy is as low as 74 years of age – more than 10 years lower than in the wealthiest parts of the south east!
- We deplore the fact that many workers in the private sector (but not the FTSE100 Directors or City bankers) have seen their pension entitlement eroded through “pension holidays” and exploitative bosses. However, we reject the “race to the bottom” arguments and would suggest that all workers deserve to look forward to dignity in retirement

*"...part of our common tradition has expressed itself in a conviction that every citizen deserves a basic measure of security...a dignified retirement after a lifetime of hard work. That commitment to our citizens has also been the reason for our leadership in the world"*

Barack Obama, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Address to UK MP's at Westminster Hall