

Dublin Council of Trade Unions

- Pre Budget Demonstration -

Trades Councils, Trade Unions
Community and Campaign Organisations

March Against Austerity

Stop the policy of austerity – reverse the cuts!

Tax the wealthy not the needy!

For a public investment programme in jobs!

March & Rally

12 p.m. Saturday 26th November 2011

Garden of Remembrance,

Parnell Square, Dublin

Speakers: Eugene McGlone (President ICTU & Unite)

Aviva shop steward

Lucia Fay (SIPTU hospital cleaner)

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Pre-Budget Demonstration

On November 2nd Ireland handed over €700 million to the unsecured bondholders of Anglo-Irish Bank (an amount roughly equivalent to the reported social welfare cuts planned for the Budget). Over the next nine months, €3.5 billion in total will be handed over to individuals who received extra high rates of interest precisely because it was *unsecured*.

If we stopped all the unjust bail-outs, there would be no need for the threatened Budget cuts in December. If we invested in society rather than laying waste to it, the atrocity of closed wards, closed nursing homes for the elderly, cuts in education and school staffing levels, reduced services for the homeless, the hopelessness of mass unemployment, cuts in community budgets, could all be ended.

The Greek government has been allowed to write off half of its debt. Why not the same here?

We are continually told that there is no alternative, there is no money. Yet when the interest on the debt is lowered by the 'troika', when a billion dollars is paid to unsecured bondholders, when it's discovered that €3.6 billion is not owed after all, we are told that €3.8 billion must still be taken away on 6th December: €12.4 billion altogether in the next four years on top of the cuts since 2008.

Before yet another cruel Budget it is time for a big peaceful demonstration in Dublin. The larger our numbers the greater the possibility of bringing a real change in policy. Mindful of this, the Dublin Council of Trades Unions is anxious to construct a broad, inclusive coalition which unites the trade unions, community organisations and campaigns against cutbacks. As a first step we are calling a major pre-budget demonstration in Dublin on **Saturday 26th November 2011**.

The demonstration will promote three simple demands

- Stop the policy of austerity – reverse the cuts.
- Tax the wealthy not the needy.
- For a public investment programme to create jobs.

Already a broad range of organisations have united with us around these points. We invite you and your organisation to assemble **at 12 noon on Saturday 26th November at the Garden Of Remembrance, Parnell Square, Dublin**.

We want to try to unite the many campaigners who are already resisting the effects of these austerity policies. If you would like more information or to help organise for Saturday 26th please contact:

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