



**Stand up for
pensions justice
on Wednesday
30th November.**

Our pensions are not “gold-plated”

The UK government and the media would have us believe that public sector workers have gold-plated pensions but this is just not true. The average Local Government pension is £3,500 - £5,000 a year and for women it is just £2,800.

The average pension of a Director of a FTSE 100 company is £174,963 a year. These are the real “gold-plated pensions”.

Ordinary people are being made to bail out the banks.

The UK government’s proposals to have ordinary workers pay an extra 50% on their pensions contributions is nothing more than a pensions tax to bail out the banks.

This money will not even go into pension funds. IT WILL GO STRAIGHT INTO THE TREASURY. Yet again people like us, on modest wages are being made to pay for a crisis that we didn’t create, whilst the government happily cancelled the bankers’ bonus tax which could have raised £3billion.

If the government gets its way our pensions will be worth even less.

The UK government has already changed our pensions from being linked to the higher Retail Price Index to the Consumer Price Index. This means that the average public service pensioner is losing £117 a year and that will be cumulative. These cuts to our pensions will lead to pensioner poverty for many and to a greater reliance on state benefit when we retire.

Cutting public sector pensions won’t make private sector pensions better.

In fact it will just make it harder to win pensions justice for all. That’s why our colleagues in private sector trade unions are supporting our action.

Now is the time to stand up and be counted.

If the UK government thinks it can get away with making us pay more for our pensions, and making us work longer, for a poorer pension at the end of it then it will come back for more.

We need to take action not just for ourselves, but for our children and our grandchildren.

If we lose our entitlement to decent pensions it will be very difficult to get it back and the people who will suffer most are future generations of workers.

Join the Rally at 12.30 in the Castlegate Aberdeen.

**Why you should go on strike on the 30th Nov
We need to take action today for fairness tomorrow.**