

This is a crucial time for the trade union movement. The Tory anti-union 'Minimum Service Level' legislation is now law. It poses the potential fining of unions by up to £1 million and the sacking of workers.

But our movement has shown its potential to defy the Tories. We need to get organised to fight for mass collective action to defeat the Tories, their cost-of-living squeeze and all the anti-union laws.

Workers are showing every day in the persistent and developing strike wave that they are prepared to fight against the Tory cost of living squeeze and the bosses' offensive.

The NSSN believes that if workers take action together, the Tories and their anti-union attack can be beaten.

The FBU has called for "mass opposition" and for unions to "act together to build a movement to defy and defeat this law."

At its recent AGM, the RMT passed a motion calling for a national demonstration against the MSL and co-ordinated strike action.

And Unite at its Policy Conference in July, passed a motion to "call on the TUC to co-ordinate action, in the form of a 24-hour general strike".

Come to our rally and lobby of TUC Congress to fight for the mass action we need to defeat the Tories and their anti-union laws. Fight for the right to strike!

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This is taken from the motion passed at the NSSN Conference in June:-

Coming on the back of four decades of brutal Tory anti-union legislation, from that of Thatcher and Major through to Cameron, Johnson and now Sunak, it is clearly designed to cut across the strike wave across all sectors, rather than tackle the causes of the cost-of-living crisis. This is another crude attempt to shift the blame for inflation onto the working class whereas every worker knows it is the bosses and their class's profiteering, which has created the crisis.

The act allows employers to issue a notice to unions setting out who is required to work during a strike. This potentially leaves unions who refuse to comply open to serious financial penalties through sequestration of funds and removes workers' protection from being dismissed for undertaking lawful industrial action.

We believe no individual union or member should be left isolated and the whole of the trade union movement must mobilise – collectively – in defence of workers' rights.

We demand:

- All unions and the TUC urgently call a national Saturday demonstration against the new law;
- Keir Starmer pledges an incoming Labour government to reverse fines and other measures taken against any union under the terms of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act:
- All employers refuse to use the provisions of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act and that a lead in such non-compliance be given by any government, council, fire authority or other employer led by the Labour Party;
- If any union is taken to court or worker threatened with dismissal, an emergency demonstration is called and an immediate meeting of the TUC General Council be convened to organise mass co-ordinated strike action, including a 24-hour general strike;
- The repeal of all anti-union legislation.