

PEOPLE BEFORE PRIVATE PROFIT

**SATURDAY
22
NOVEMBER
4.00 - 6.00 pm**

PUBLIC MEETING

in the

ST. MARYS CENTRE, LADYWELL RD

(across the railway bridge from Ladywell station)

**Introduced by speakers from local unions and campaigns -
but with plenty of time to hear everybody's views on how
to build a joint campaign to defend our public services**

Britain today is seeing a concerted attack on its social services. Health, education, housing and leisure facilities are seen, not as services for *people* but a source of *private profit*. The government and local authorities provide more and more opportunities for private business to skim profits off the public sector.

Meeting called by:



**LEWISHAM
'SAVE
OUR NHS'
CAMPAIGN**

**DEFEND
EDUCATION
IN LEWISHAM**

Lewisham

Hands Off Our Homes
campaign

In Lewisham

- Local Authority schooling is being broken up into Academies and Trusts
- Health services face cuts and privatisation through "A Picture of Health".
- Local Authority housing is being given over to Housing Associations.
- Public land is being parcelled up and flogged to property speculators.

Financial crisis

The government's response to the crisis will reinforce the trend. Billions are found to bail out bankers, and a programme of new build will support the hard hit construction companies. But we are told that we have to put up with pay cuts and rising rents, with no respite from repossessions and deteriorating services.

Enough is enough

Nationally, trade unions are preparing for strike action to oppose pay cuts. Locally, many campaigns have been organising to defend our hospitals, schools and homes from closure, transfer to private ownership and other 'restructuring'.

The NUT, together with Defend Education and other campaign groups across the borough, have agreed to hold this public meeting to explain what is at stake and to discuss how we can fight the attacks. From this initiative, we plan to build a united campaign to defend our public services.

Come to the meeting and join the fight against privatisation!

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