



IMF, EUROPE AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

HOW DO WE FIGHT BACK



Speakers:

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Cllr Richard Boyd Barret, Cllr Joan Collins

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UNITE Hall, Middle Abbey Street

The budget will crucify tens of thousands of working people and the least well off in this country.

Massive cuts to child benefit and education will hit the most vulnerable in our society.

Tax hikes on the lowest paid workers and cuts to welfare will be compounded by rising prices in fuel, food and basic necessities.

The strategy of the Fianna Fail government is to bail out the banking system - not just here but across Europe.

The same strategy has been imposed on the people of Greece and will be imposed on the people of Portugal and Spain.

Financial crisis are not caused by workers but instead are the result of the greed and chaos of the market.

But working people and the poor across Europe are lumped with the massive bank bail out of French, German and British banks.

How should we respond and organise to fight this attack on our society and can we learn anything from what is happening across Europe?

In Greece, Portugal, Spain and France workers have responded to austerity measures of their governments by organising mass strikes and protests.

In Britain and Italy students are fighting back and occupying their colleges, organising walk-outs from schools.

Mariana Carneiro is a leading member of the Left Bloc in Portugal and will speak about the experience of the movement in her country. Portugal is the next likely country to face a massive bail out and IMF intervention.

Jimmy Kelly is the Regional Secretary of the UNITE union and has already called for a national strike and for civil disobedience against the cuts.

Richard Boyd Barrett and Joan Collins are elected councillors for People Before Profit who have led many campaigns in defence of communities and services. They will both contest the general election as part of the United Left Alliance.

Come to this meeting for our analysis of the budget and what we can do to bring change. The future will look grim if we don't fight but could be completely different if we link with workers across Europe and demand a bail out for workers, the unemployed, students, pensions and our public services. NOT THE BANKS