



Notts Uncut Newsletter

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The Pride Edition!

Welcome to our special Pride edition! If you have any contributions for future issues please e-mail nottsuncutaction@gmail.com

Cuts to Council Budgets = Cuts to LGBT Services

Cuts to voluntary and support service budgets are now really beginning to bite. Services such as homeless hostels, women's refuges, services for the elderly and disabled are being closed or drastically reduced both nationally and locally.

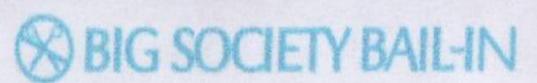
Within the LGBT community the cuts are also having a devastating impact on the most vulnerable people. Nationally organisations supporting victims of homophobic hates crimes, LGBT youth services and organisations supporting people suffering domestic violence within a same sex couple have already had funding cuts and some of these services have had no choice but to close.

Here in Nottingham LGBT services have fared no better. Outburst provides essential support to LGBT young people in Nottingham and is currently running on zero funding because of the goodwill of volunteer staff. Even the cost of providing biscuits at meetings comes out of volunteers own pockets. Outburst is a great organisation which already does a wonderful job, but with proper funding they could do so much more.

Nottingham's Lesbian and Gay switchboard has had it's grant from Notts County council stopped entirely because, according to the council, they have "high reserves which will enable you to continue in the next financial year". Yes, they do have reserves but the majority of the reserves are in restricted funds, which means that they cannot simply be switched to fill a gap left by the County Council's decision. The switchboard reaches around 1400 people a year and, among other things, acts as a signposting service to local support groups. Without the funding it relies upon the service the switchboard can provide will be severely compromised.

Who Are We?

Notts Uncut is part of UK Uncut. We take peaceful, creative action against tax avoiding companies and banks in Nottingham to highlight the government's lies in telling us that cuts to essential services have to be made.



Vodafone – has fought for the last 10 years to avoid paying around £6bn in tax. After many court cases HMRC won their case, but instead of enforcing the court's decision George Osborne's exchequer let Vodafone off.

Boots – moved its HQ to a PO Box in Switzerland to avoid paying £150m corporation tax in the UK.

Phillip Green (Arcadia Group) – transferred his assets to his wife, who lives in Monaco to avoid paying £285m tax in the UK.

RBS/NatWest – 84% public owned. This year has reported losses of £1.1bn, but has still managed to pay bonuses of £950m.

Barclays – just paid £3.5bn in bonuses. Barclay's boss, Bob Diamond has a pay packet of £11.5m. Are the bankers paying for their recklessness? Absolutely not!

Lloyds TSB - £20bn bailout. Now Lloyds TSB are back in profit and paying multimillion pound bonuses, the government are making ordinary people suffer the consequences of the banks' greed and recklessness.

Notts Uncut Diary Dates

Saturday 6th August. Notts Uncut does Barnsley. Notts Uncut are travelling to Barnsley to support their debut action. Meet at Nottingham Railway station between 9-9.15am

Saturday 13th August. Local action. Meet outside Clumber St Vodafone to move onto secret target.

Monday 15th August. Notts Uncut are hosting a discussion on direct action following a screening of "Just Do It-A Tale of Modern Day Outlaws". Broadway Cinema. Film starts at 7.45pm. Tickets £9

Saturday 27th August. Notts Uncut planning meeting. Near the bandstand at the Arboretum. 2pm. All welcome.

For further information please see our website www.nottsuncut.co.uk