

Stop Education Cuts Teachers & Parents Unite

We have marched in Galway, Cork, Tullamore, Donegal and Dublin. The government can be in no doubt about how we feel. We don't need to tell them about our concerns – they know what's worrying us and they know we are angry. We are well past the time for petitions, lobbying and letters to TDs.

Who Are Our Friends?

The marches were great, we showed that huge numbers are against the cuts. But why do we keep inviting Fine Gael and Labour TDs to speak at our rallies. When they were in government, they were every bit as mean as Fianna Fáil, every bit as good at cutting services in order to keep

down the tax bill of the rich. When in opposition they make promises, when in government they stick the boot in.

It is Fine Gael's Enda Kenny and Richard Bruton who are leading the charge against the public service, with almost daily calls for an indefinite pay freeze and redundancies.

Horsey Set Looked After

Surely we should be looking to others in the same situation as ourselves. Surely we should be looking to join up with other working people who face the same attack on their jobs and services. The government is still

running down our woefully inadequate health service, it wants to cut bus and rail, to bring back college fees; already we have below inflation pay 'rises' and an 11-month public sector pay freeze.

Yet they can find the cash to bail out bankers, to subsidise horse racing and to give extra loot to property developers with fixed price contracts. It's no surprise, it's quite logical. The wealthy are very good at looking after their own interests.

Education is a Right Not a Privilege

