



# THE SPECTRE

ALTERNATIVE INDEPENDENT RADICAL NEWS

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## June 30<sup>th</sup> Strike Special!

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### What is The Spectre?

The Spectre is a new local newspaper for activists, campaigners and radicals. We're an alternative to the mainstream media – their views are not ours and only reflect the views of their rich and privileged owners anyway. We're independent - we don't have commercial backers or ties to political parties, so we don't care what they want us to say. We're radical – we want to question all established authority and we support emancipatory struggles.

We think organisation should be horizontal – we don't want or need leaders and when everyone has an equal say, we can really achieve things together! That's why we organise ourselves in a non-hierarchical way – anyone involved in the paper can have chance to

shape it. We hold meetings twice a month so our readers can come along and get stuck in to.

We want to draw links between struggles for justice, freedom and a better world both globally and locally – because radical social change starts at home! We want to unite local groups and provide a space for them to tell people what they're up to – each month we publish a list of radical events and meetings happening in and around Colchester. If you want to get involved, write a piece for us or ask us to promote your event, contact us at the email address below. To keep up with what we're doing, you can also visit our blog ([network23.org/thespectre](http://network23.org/thespectre)). Thank you for reading. See you on the streets!

**Get involved: [thespectre@hush.com](mailto:thespectre@hush.com)**

## Solidarity on J30!

Today, hundreds of thousands of workers are on strike in the UK – you might be one of them – and many more have come out to support them and show some solidarity. If that's you, then good on ya! We all know the reason for today's action – the government's brutal, unnecessary and outrageous cuts to public spending. Today it's worker's pensions, last time it was young people's education – nothing is safe from the government axe that shields the rich and ruling classes who still get away with dodging taxes, spending public money on their private schools and defrauding the public.

Today we're standing together to say that we won't take it. But don't let today, no matter extraordinary it is, be an end in itself. And don't be taken in by the rhetoric about these being 'Tory cuts' or about the financial crisis being down to handful of 'bag eggs' in the banking sector. All the major parties promised huge cuts if elected, and if it really was just a few dodgy bankers who made a mess of everything, then why does the cycle of 'boom and bust' keep repeating itself over and over? The fact is that the system stinks – the system of hierarchy and the system of wealth – not just here, but everywhere. People are realising that those in charge are not interested in improving the lives of normal people – and this makes us angry. Take a look around the world right now – people are coming together, everywhere to resist what leaders are doing. In Egypt, Spain, Greece, Syria, Tibet, Libya, Serbia... our struggles might not be exactly the same (some face the deadly force of dictators and live ammunition) but we need to see what links us all. In all of these places, it's been the power of people, not parties, that has brought change and forged the way. Through showing solidarity and linking together we can achieve great things. So don't let today pass by without thinking about other's who are fighting back – around the country and around the world – don't let this be just about pensions and don't let this be the end!

Stay angry, stay organised and remember, solidarity isn't just a word, it's a weapon!



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