

## Beyond crisis

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A one day conference, with the above title, is being held at the TUC on 16 November. The [full programme is here](#).

I am pleased to be co-leading one session with Ann Pettifor, my Green New Deal colleague. We're addressing the issue of finding a progressive solution to the public financial crisis.

For those who want to discuss debt, why we need more of it, and what we'll do to pay for the long term solutions a Green New Deal requires, please come along.

In fact, come along even if you insist on going to one of the other sessions. As the agenda notes:

*The financial crash and the recession are changing the facts of the global economy. But understanding those changes is far from easy. It is even more difficult assessing what the impact will be on the UK economy and how progressives should respond. This autumn conference will be a major opportunity for policy makers, researchers, business people, trade unionists and opinion formers to understand what is changing and to start developing a new progressive vision for the UK in a new economic world.*

*The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Dr Rowan Williams, will give the keynote address at the opening session of the conference and Pat McFadden, Business Minister and TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber will address delegates in the afternoon. All three speakers will take part in question and answer sessions with the audience.*

There is desperate need for the alternative to the disastrous agenda promoted by the Tories / Institute for Fiscal Studies / BBC that cuts are the only prospect on the horizon. This conference is one way of establishing that alternative message.

Disclosure: I am a consultant to the TUC