

The People's Assembly Against Austerity

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Many people commenting on this site want a real alternative to neoliberalism.

They'd like Labour to provide it, but so far it is not doing so. That, I am sure, is why the People's Assembly Against Austerity has been launched.

The appeal from the Guardian is linked below. There are more details here. I share it because I think it appropriate to do so. We need change and Labour has to be told as much as anyone it seems. I am pleased that the Greens do not seem to need that reminder.

The People's Assembly Against Austerity was launched with a [letter to the Guardian](#) by the initial signatories below:

This is a call to all those millions of people in Britain who face an impoverished and uncertain year as their wages, jobs, conditions and welfare provision come under renewed attack by the government. With some 80% of austerity measures still to come, and with the government lengthening the time they expect cuts to last, we are calling a People's Assembly Against Austerity to bring together campaigns against cuts and privatisation with trade unionists in a movement for social justice. We aim to develop a strategy for resistance to mobilise millions of people against the Con Dem government.

The assembly will provide a national forum for anti-austerity views which, while increasingly popular, are barely represented in parliament. A People's Assembly can play a key role in ensuring that this uncaring government faces a movement of opposition broad enough and powerful enough to generate successful co-ordinated action, including strike action. The assembly will be ready to support co-ordinated industrial action and national demonstrations against austerity, if possible synchronising with mobilisations across Europe. The People's Assembly Against Austerity will meet at Central Hall, Westminster, on 22 June.

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