

Tomorrow at the Labour fringe: 12.30pm

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I'm speaking at the PCS fringe meeting at the Labour Party Conference tomorrow at 12.30pm. PCS say of the meeting:

The Public and Commercial Services union (PCS) is one of the largest trade unions in the UK, with over 250,000 members. We are organised throughout the civil service and government agencies, as well as in the commercial sector, usually in areas that have been privatised.

PCS is not affiliated to any political party. We campaign year round about issues of concern to our members including jobs, pay, pensions and terms and conditions, as well as equality matters including our anti racist and anti fascist work and campaign on welfare.

People are facing the biggest fall in living standards on record, with the average family £1,800 worse off this year — with UK disposable income falling from fifth in the world to twelfth.

Far from tackling the deficit, Chancellor Osborne's strategy will mean an extra £245 billion in borrowing — not for growth creating investment, but for filling the gap left by his growth-choking policies.

With all major UK parties signing up to the same spending plans and promising further austerity after the 2015 general election, it is up to trade unions and communities to resist these failed policies that are only succeeding in impoverishing hundreds of thousands of people.

The meeting is chaired by [Ian Lavery MP](#) and also features talks by Francesca Martinez on disability campaigning and Mark Serwotka of PCS.

If you're in Brighton I look forward to seeing you.