



Labour's Anti Austerity Pledge to Unions

“Tax is the defining debate in this election, and now it’s time for each of the parties to set out how they would use the new powers to stop the cuts.

Our plans mean we can make an anti-austerity pledge – a guarantee that spending on services will rise under a Scottish Labour Government. It’s now up to other parties to match that.

We can stop the cuts and take a different path from Tory austerity. The SNP’s tax plans will turn the Scottish Parliament into a conveyor belt for Tory austerity.

Under Labour the poorest won’t pay a penny more than they do now and will be protected from cuts with Labour. **With the SNP those at the top won't pay a penny more than they do now** and the poorest will pay the price with deeper cuts.

Kezia Dugdale

Workers Rights

**SOLIDARITY
SOCIALISM
EQUALITY
TOGETHER**

**WE MUST PROTECT
OUR TRADE UNIONS**

Scottish Labour



It has been Scottish Labour which has led the campaign against the Tory Government's (Anti) Trade Union Bill. In the Scottish Parliament Labour has shown how the powers of devolution could be used to thwart the Bill and Labour led councils have passed motions of non-cooperation.

Scottish Labour in government will work to prevent this Bill becoming law – and if necessary use all its powers to resist the damage the Bill could do to positive industrial relations in Scotland.

Scottish Labour will promote trade union membership and use the levers of government to promote collective bargaining.

Decent Training

Scottish Labour wants more and better apprenticeships, providing a high quality alternative to academic routes for young people. Scottish Labour will work towards setting up a pooled apprenticeship scheme to allow small businesses to afford high quality apprenticeships and allow apprentices to gain wider skills and work experience .

Better Jobs & Safer Work

Scottish Labour will promote **an active industrial strategy** for manufacturing and promote forms of common ownership and employee ownership including cooperatives.

Labour supports the creation of a Scottish Hazards Centre to provide awareness and understanding of health and safety to lower instances of work related ill health , injury and fatalities.

Scottish Labour will use public procurement to tackle poverty pay blacklisting and corporate tax avoidance. Companies which breach rules will be barred from bidding for public contracts

Supporting Services

John Swinney's budget for 2016/17 will see local authority funding cut by **hundreds of millions** of pounds in one year alone.

Labour leaders of councils across Scotland made it clear:

The SNP's budget cuts could have "potentially **devastating consequences**" for local budgets for schools and nurseries.

#KidsNotCuts

The SNP don't try and resist Tory austerity they just shunt it on to local services. They voted for a massive cut to Local Authority budgets and as a result **this coming year 7000 council workers are set to lose their jobs.**

Scottish Labour argued we could have used the powers we have to make different choices on tax and rather than cutting—make investments for our future