

*Question:*

## **Which of these people will best defend our education?**



**The Budget-Cutting Minister?**



**The Tory Opposition?**



**The VC sitting on the tuition fees commission?**

On October 24, 2009 more than 800 students, workers, and teachers converged at UC Berkeley at the Mobilizing Conference to Save Public Education. This massive meeting brought together representatives from over 100 different schools, unions, and organizations from all across California and from all sectors of public education. After hours of open collective discussion, the participants voted democratically, as their main decision, to call for a Day of Action, to take place today, March 4, 2010. The IWW is supporting this initiative today.

The ongoing international recession has witnessed governments respond by cutting funds for education or welfare. Peter Mandelson announced just before Christmas that funding for higher education will be cut by 7 per cent next year.

The Government is backtracking on its promise to fund University places for 50% of the population. UCU – the union representing lecturers on campus – claims that the University is planning to cut 200 jobs as a result of its ‘sustainable excellence’ plan. And tuition fees look set to rise.



*Our Solution:*

**Let's Get  
Organized!**



**Join us Saturday 6 March New Street 12.00 pm  
where we will be making a presence and  
raising awareness amongst the public about  
the problems facing public education.**

As the resources available for public education dwindle ever further – and as tuition fees make higher education ever-more expensive – we believe that the time has come for those who benefit from higher education (students, staff, and citizens throughout society) to defend public education and to oppose any further moves towards fees and privatization.

**For high quality, accessible, and enriching  
public education!  
Against education cuts, fees, and the  
privatization of higher education!**

The IWW is a small rank-and-file union. We believe that because we have a membership open to all workers, are self-run with no paid union officials, and a commitment to direct action, we are a union that can win campaigns that other unions will find it difficult to fight. We urge all staff to join their relevant recognized union on campus. We also welcome all workers who want to join our campaigning union.

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