

# DEFENDING THE WELFARE STATE AND PUBLIC SERVICES

## MARCH & RALLY

SAT 10 APRIL 2010

ASSEMBLE 12 noon for 1pm

Temple Place, Embankment

RALLY 2pm

Trafalgar Square

Speakers, music and entertainment

Since 1948, Britain has supported the principle that state pensions, health care, education and other public services are best provided by society as whole.

### This is now under threat.

- The state pension is totally inadequate, leaving at least 1 in 4 older people to live in poverty
- 7m households have a child living in poverty and existing benefits provide a very limited safety net
- Unemployment now stands at over 2m and workfare offers no solution
- 10m adults are disabled and face huge barriers to escaping financial hardship
- The NHS is slowly being privatised behind a smokescreen of choice and competition, and patients are suffering as a result
- Our public services are now facing massive cuts and further privatisation

The welfare state and public services are an essential part of any civilised society - pooling the risk across the population and providing support and services to us all.

### Let's speak out now!

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