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4 March at 4pm is our Annual General Meeting where elections of our officers and reps takes place. We have sent off requests to the Council & contractors seeking permissions for members to take part in the democratic process of belonging to a trade union.

Voice of the workforce

For the past five years Barnet Council staff have worked hard despite constant change, they have seen colleagues transferred out of the Council and in some cases they have said goodbye as these staff have been made redundant. The outsourcing has brought another challenge for workers. I speak of the **“two tier”** workforce. It is not new **AND** it is not welcome as it sets worker against worker. Our branch is hosting a series of branch meetings across the borough over the next few months. We have already started **BUT** it is important all members make plans to attend these meetings about the future. The next meeting is **Tuesday 10 February, at 12.30** in Oak Room, Building 4, for other dates please click [here](#)

THE **80** RICHEST PEOPLE OWN THE SAME WEALTH AS THE 3.5 BILLION POOREST PEOPLE



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Syriza: “A victory of Hope over Austerity”

The election of Syriza early this week was bad news for the 1%, the super-rich who plotted and planned and delivered Austerity. Watch this short video GREECE: THE END OF AUSTERITY [here](#)

A quote from the video of a young person in response to the election of Syriza

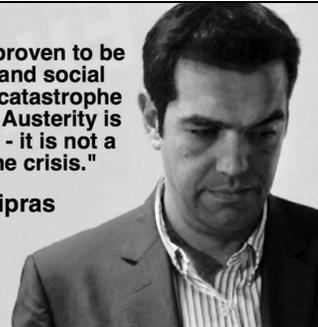
“It’s time for dreams to take revenge”

Austerity has robbed our young of a future, but Greece and now Podemos in Spain are offering something different ‘Hope’.

"Austerity has proven to be an economic and social catastrophe. A catastrophe for democracy. Austerity is the crisis itself - it is not a solution to the crisis."

Alexis Tsipras
#Syriza

@UtopianFireman



Austerity is working

It is working **BUT** not in the way the **99%** thought that it was meant to be working. Austerity did not come out of thin air, it was never a random incident, it is a product of a carefully organised global take over by the 1% in order to maximise their profits as the expense of us. You want to know more watch [this](#)

How does it affect us in Barnet?

It has already started and 2010 marked the beginning of five years of Austerity which driving society apart. At a workplace level it can be seen in the One Barnet Programme which was driven by a CUTS agenda that has seen hundreds of former council workers made redundant and or transferred out of the Council. Now we have the Commissioning Council which is directly linked to Austerity CUTS budget for the next five years. Every time a colleague is made redundant, every restructure, every outsourcing that takes place is all tied into “feeding to coffers of the 1%”; promoting greater inequality.

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Sat 31 Jan 11.30 outside Elephant & Castle tube station

Street Scene Transformation

At present a large number of staff working in Street Cleansing and Parks & Open Spaces are going through a restructure. For many of the workforce this is a very stressful time many of these workers have not had an interview in some cases up to 20 years ago. Concerns about literacy skills to help complete the personal statement have been raised by staff and trade unions. It was good to see the training workshops being provided for all of the staff., more on this later.