The cuts are attacks that are directed across the entire working class, with no section spared. The livelihoods of workers, students, the unemployed, and pensioners are being destroyed to make us pay for a crisis we didn’t create and to prop up a system that never benefited us in the first place.

Together we have the power to stop cuts. But we need to recognise that shouting about fairness isn’t enough.

This isn’t a debate it’s a class war. It’s a matter of power, and where we have the most power is in the workplace. If we blockade business, go on strike, hold a go-slow, or call in sick with our workmates — anything that allows us to work less on the bosses’ time — we can disrupt the economy.

Protests can be policed and controlled but by damaging profits we can force the state to abandon its agenda.

With sufficient rank-and-file anger, the trade unions may be pushed into calling a general strike. But it’s us, not the union bosses who can force back the tide of ‘austerity.’

TUC bureaucrats, sellouts like Aaron Porter of the NUS and Labour Party politicians who pioneered today’s Tory policies when they were in power cannot solve our problems.

We can’t put our faith in anything other than our own solidarity and ability to organise. We must take a lead in organising ourselves rather than waiting on the TUC or anyone else to do it for us.

Most importantly, we need to recognise that stopping the cuts is more than just a numbers game. The biggest imaginable march past Parliament won’t change the government’s mind. Only mass direct, industrial action will.

March begins 11am at Victoria Embankment (between Temple Place and Blackfriars)
Or Join SolFed for feeder march: Meet at 11am in Kennington Park, South London