

On November 30th it is more than likely that your school, college or university will be closed for industrial action. This is due to the governments vicious changes to the pension system meaning your teachers, tutors and lecturers will have to work until the age of 68 while paying considerably more into it and getting less of a pension than they do now.

The government's own Hutton Report found the current pension plans, which were introduced a mere 5 years ago, to be broadly sustainable. These new plans will see a health worker on 17k a year contribute 50% extra a year, retire 3 years later and lose 25% of their final pension. As pensions are nothing but deferred pay, this is nothing but a land grab on workers' wages to be redistributed to whoever the government see fit.

It is clear that the reasons for these changes are not to save money as the government claims but are more to oppress the working class and to make us work long exhausting hours for less pay.

This is not just affecting education workers either, the governments plans will hit all of the public sector. So, how does it affect us as students? Well, with people retiring later, there will be less jobs for the younger generations who are leaving education.

The answer is clear, do not denounce your teacher for going on strike, defend them! Stand in solidarity with them, if your institution is still open due to strikes, do not cross the picket lines – join them! We as students do not have economic power to strike but we can occupy our places of education, stand in solidarity with all staff.

The government and right wing press will try to divide us by calling strikers selfish for refusing to teach us, don't let it happen! This is our struggle as much as it is theirs, talk to your teachers and let them know that you support them. After all they support you every day.



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TEACHERS NEED

YOU

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