

YORK & DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL

Annual Report 2012/13

2012/13 has been an eventful year for York TUC. Following the 2.5 million strong public sector strike in November 2011, working people have shown signs of fighting back. From electricians in the construction industry beating the major employers when they tried to destroy their pay agreement, fuel panic with an impending tanker driver's dispute, through to the recent victory at Greencore in Hull, employers and government aren't getting it all their own way.

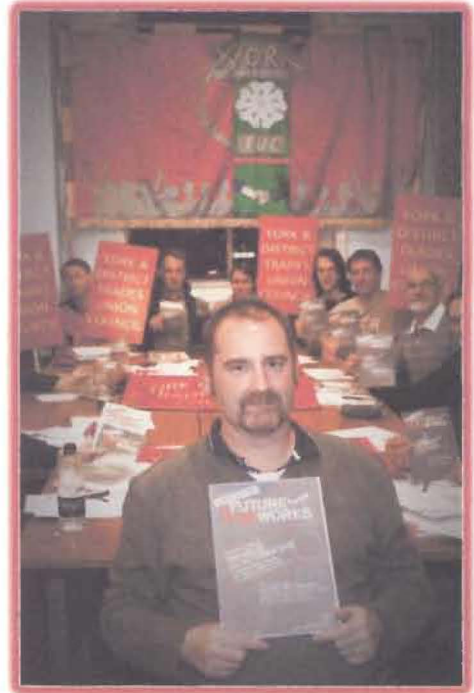
Trades unions in York and district are working together to protect the thousands of workers they represent. York TUC was in attendance at the Save Our Services York rally in May. We have forged links with local community groups, such as [York Stop The Cuts](#) (YSTC), York Defend The NHS etc and broadened our media exposure, with good contacts being made to get our message across. We have had various interviews broadcast on local radio, numerous



letters published in the press and articles with photos, including a 3/4 page feature for the "Future That Works" national TUC demonstration in London.

We also had the lead articles on the Guardian(Northern) website (400,000 readership) and double page centre spread in the Morning Star, which was given away free to the 150,000 strong march.

Our website yorktuc.wordpress.com is regularly updated and has had thousands of hits as well as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) playing an important role in raising our profile. A new banner and placards were commissioned and taken to the London demonstration. Coaches were organised jointly with YSTC and leafleting of workplaces, colleges and houses in York, followed up by an advertisement in the press.



We also supported the "Boycott Workfare", "Starbucks" demos, Rail Action Day and lobby of York Council budget meeting. York TUC are supporting the upcoming NHS protest and are currently involved in the campaign to Keep York Libraries Public with support from local authors such as Jack Sheffield. Speakers from various organisations have attended our meetings throughout the year.



We are committed to bringing together *all* aspects of the labour movement, relevant community groups and activists for the common good of the working people we represent. In this spirit, we invite your trade union branch to affiliate and attend York & District Trades Union Council.

A warm welcome awaits.