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Are Tax Dodgers the Real Scroungers?

Discussing inequalities in tax and welfare

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For 2010, tax evasion, avoidance & non-collection is estimated to have cost UK taxpayers £120 billion, while benefit fraud and error combined only totalled £5 billion. With tax cheats costing us so much, why do we hear so little about them?



National favourites back at Brighton Fringe:

Katy Clark MP – “one to watch” (The Guardian)

Mark Serwotka – PCS General Secretary

Owen Jones – 2013 Young Writer of the Year



7pm - 9.30pm Wednesday 22 May 2013

Community Base (South Wing entrance)

113 Queens Road, Brighton BN1 3XG

Limited number of press passes

£4 waged; £2 concessions; PCS free



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Notes for editors

Katy Clark MP was named as an MP “to watch” (The Guardian) when elected for North Ayrshire & Arran in 2005. She strongly believes that any tax increases should be born disproportionately by those on higher incomes, with increased spending on public sector services necessary to address inequality in the UK. Recently she has actively backed campaigns to reverse the Coalition tax cuts to millionaires, to save the Independent Living Fund - which helps severely disabled people remain in their own homes, and to scrap the Bedroom Tax. See: <http://www.katyclark.org.uk/>

Mark Serwotka is a passionate believer in public services and the welfare state. He has been the General Secretary of the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) since 2000 and is a member of the TUC’s General Council. Uniquely among Britain’s larger unions, he was elected leader straight from the shop floor and has been twice re-elected in 2005 & 2009. The UK’s largest civil service union, PCS is in conference at The Brighton Centre from 20-23 May 2013. See: www.pcs.org.uk

Owen Jones is a regular columnist with The Independent, was named 2013 Young Writer of the Year at the Political Book Awards, and is currently working on a new book The British Establishment. He regularly comments on television and radio and is the author of “Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class” published in 2011. After graduating from Oxford, Owen worked as a trades union and parliamentary researcher, notably with John McDonnell MP. His Indy Voices column is at: <http://www.independent.co.uk/biography/owen-jones> & he tweets @OwenJones84.

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