



March and rally against Universal Credit

Saturday 15 December - Guisborough

Join Labour & trade unions to demand Universal Credit is stopped

Assemble 10.30 am Council offices Belmont House, Rectory Lane TS14 7FD

March through Westgate for rally at 12.00 mid-day, Prior Pursglove College,
Church Walk, Guisborough, TS14 6BU

Speakers: Anna Turley MP; Clare Williams (UNISON); Lauren Dingsdale (Labour Party PPC); Fran Heathcote (PCS); Sarah Batty UNITE speaker. Rally chaired by Sue Jeffrey, Leader of Redcar and Cleveland Council

Tories in denial over Universal Credit

Universal Credit (UC) is causing real poverty and hardship in our communities. Redcar and Cleveland Council and Anna Turley MP wrote to the Secretary of State calling for Universal Credit roll-out to be stopped in our area.

Callous indifference

Instead of recognising these issues and supporting his constituents, Simon Clarke MP supports the roll-out, showing a callous disregard for low paid workers and benefit recipients. He denies the overwhelming evidence that UC is a failing system which drives people further into poverty.

A failing system

- The Resolution Foundation says **3 million people are worse off** under Universal Credit, including a large proportion of working families
- The Work and Pensions Select Committee savaged the Universal Credit sanctions regime as “**pointlessly cruel**”
- Local charity, Footsteps in the Community have seen a **marked increase in the use of food banks**. Nationally, food bank use is up 52% as a result of Universal Credit
- PCS union members working on the delivery of Universal Credit have real concerns over failing IT systems, poor staffing levels and inadequate training
- The National Audit Office has stated that the system is **unlikely to ever deliver value for money to the tax payer**
- The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (December 2018) point to a relentless rise in the number of working families struggling to make ends meet, with over 4.1 million children now in poverty

“The botched roll-out of Universal Credit has placed thousands of working people across the country into poverty and into debt. Despite pleas from Redcar and Cleveland Council to delay local roll-out until at least after Christmas, the Tory Government has gone ahead anyway and Simon Clarke has not uttered a single word of objection. His callous disregard for his constituents cannot continue.”

Lauren Dingsdale
Labour’s Parliamentary Candidate for
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland

The Government and Simon Clarke must listen and not ignore this!

Join us on 15 December in Guisborough to demand a stop to Universal Credit!

