

Dear

Fair Funding for Wales

Public services are the bedrock of a strong cohesive society. They are the glue that holds our communities together. They cannot tolerate any further funding cuts.

Seven years of funding cuts have left public services at crisis point. A continuation of austerity will inevitably lead to the demise of the services Welsh communities rely on. Our communities have suffered enough – youth centres, libraries and leisure centres have closed, tens of thousands of jobs have been lost, social care is on a knife edge, and the people delivering essential services have endured seven years of pay restraint.

Austerity is damaging Wales and must be ended.

I am writing to ask you to support UNISON's campaign for an end to austerity and for Fair Funding for Wales. Our public services need and deserve proper financial resource in order to ensure our communities are healthy and liveable places and fair funding for Wales is needed to provide the resource the public sector desperately needs.

The Robin Hood Tax (a Financial Transaction Tax) is one of the methods that could be used to generate additional income for public services. It is a small tax paid on financial trading which would provide enormous funds for Welsh public services at no financial cost to the overwhelming majority of the population:

- Four months of a Robin Hood Tax could reverse all cuts to total Welsh government spending since austerity began
- Two weeks of a Robin Hood Tax could prevent the need for further cuts to Welsh Government spending on public services over the next few years
- Ten days of a Robin Hood Tax could return the services for each vulnerable older person in Wales to the level provided before austerity began
- Six weeks of a Robin Hood Tax could replace all funding currently provided by the EU for development in rural and deprived parts of Wales

The full UNISON Wales briefing on the Robin Hood Tax can be found online:

Please support our campaign and join the call for an end to austerity, for the introduction of a Robin Hood Tax and for fair funding for Wales.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,