

Join us at the

# BETTER WAY

DEMO AT THE LIB DEM SPRING CONFERENCE

Saturday 8 March, York



The **Yorkshire and the Humber TUC** has called a demonstration in York on Saturday 8 March to protest against the austerity measures of the Coalition government and to highlight a better way to grow our economy and protect our society. The demo coincides with the national Liberal Democrat Spring Conference held in York and International Women's Day and we want you to join us to send the Coalition a message.

## 11.00am Meet at Clifford's Tower, Tower St, York, YO7 9SA

We're also collecting food for local food banks and homeless groups so please bring dried and packets of food if you can.

**11.30am Demonstration begins.** The designated route takes us directly past the Barbican Centre where the Lib Dem conference is held, into the city centre before returning to Clifford's Tower for a rally. Check [www.abetterwaydemo.org](http://www.abetterwaydemo.org) for route and event information.

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY  
EXPOSING THE  
IMPACT OF  
AUSTERITY ON  
WOMEN**

**12.30pm Rally.** Speakers include: **Kay Carberry** (Assistant General Secretary of the TUC), **Kate Fox** (poet, comedian & writer), **Fran Heathcote** (PCS union DWP Group President), **Sue Marsh** (disability campaigner & blogger), **Liz Mawson** (NHS worker), **Megan Ollerhead** (Student at University of York), **Nikki Sharpe** (Sheffield City Councillor).

There will be music from the acclaimed PCS Samba Band.  
All drummers welcome throughout the demo.

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We are prioritising five issues and an alternative to austerity encouraging demonstrators to adopt a colour for the day to highlight why they're marching. This could be reflected in an item of clothing or the colour of a placard or banner.

The themes are:



**Jobs and fair pay (blue)** – quality jobs with fair pay – not zero hours contracts on a minimum wage you can't live off.



**Tax justice (green)** – clamping down on the £25 billion+ evaded in tax by the rich every year and back a 'Robin Hood Tax' on the banks who caused this financial crisis.



**Industrial growth (black)** – investing to provide a sustainable economy for the future and support businesses to grow in Britain today.



**NHS, public services & social security (red)** – the coalition is privatising the NHS without our permission, our councils are being hit hardest from government cuts and the most vulnerable are being pushed into deeper poverty. We need fully funded public services, social security and an end to scapegoating.



**Young people and the future (yellow)** – trebling tuition fees is a scandalous betrayal of young people that will saddle them with debt for most of their working lives. Abolishing the EMA hits those from modest backgrounds. We need to invest in our young people and create jobs and hope for the future.

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