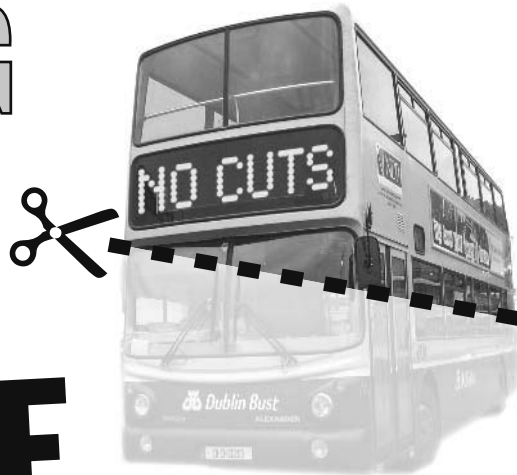


# YOUR SERVICE

FACING  
THE  
AXE!

SAVE  
OUR *Bus*  
SERVICES



Hosted by Busworkers Action Group

## Public Meeting To Oppose Cuts in Dublin Bus Service

PANEL OF  
ENVIRONMENTALISTS  
& TRADE UNIONISTS

Speakers include: **Fintan O Toole** (Journalist)  
& **Professor James Wickham**

UNITE Union Hall (opp. Arnotts) Middle Abbey Street  
at **7.30pm** on **Wed. March 11th**

Dear Passenger,

Did you know that *Dublin Bus* is planning a huge cut back to the routes and services across the city? Many non-profit routes are facing the axe while others are facing severe cuts that will endanger their long-term survival.

Across the city over 120 buses will be withdrawn from service – 10% of the entire bus fleet. Thousands of journeys, i.e. - scheduled departures will be lost. ALL areas will be hit.

Management at *Dublin Bus* are pretending this is just an adjustment to services, it is not, it is a huge CUT to services. Many peak hour and 'Xpresso' services will go. The company are reducing the running time on the routes affected to give the appearance that there are not big reductions in services, but these new schedules will not work, So you the passenger will face longer waits and an even more unreliable service.

The company management want to slash jobs and lay off over 160 drivers and put hundreds on part time working.

In the short term, this might save them some money but it will soon end up costing society and the taxpayers much more than 31 million. Unemployed drivers and part time workers will claim social welfare benefits.

Passengers will desert the routes cut hardest, forcing many more into cars and away from public transport. More gridlock, more pollution, more Co2 emissions!

## THE FACTS;

**DUBLIN BUS receives one of the lowest subsidies in Europe. Government pays around 29% of its operating costs.**

In Britain the average subsidy for a city service is 39% and in Europe its 68%.

The Financial crisis at the company is a smokescreen for attacks on services and jobs. Dublin Bus lost 12 million euro when the Govern-

ment scrapped its fuel rebate, and was fined another 10 million for putting extra buses on the Lucan route without Dept of Transport permission!

We need to get people out of cars and into public transport. It is government policy & it is Green party policy.

But how can it happen when we are scrapping hundreds of buses across the country?

**We Need To Improve Our Bus Services NOT CUT THEM!**  
**Support your bus service!**

**Protest these cuts:**

Ring *Dublin Bus* and demand to know what cuts will affect your area.

T: 01 873 4222

Fax: 01 703 3177

Email: [info@dublinbus.ie](mailto:info@dublinbus.ie)

**Ring your local Government TD!**

Ring or email the *Green Party* and demand they support public transport.

T: 01 6790012

Fax: 01 6797168,

Email: [info@greenparty.ie](mailto:info@greenparty.ie)