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Public service workers stand together for justice on May Day

This year's May Day celebrations come at a critical period for public sector workers and their unions, says the global union federation Public Services International. The celebrations take place against a background of growing pressure on fundamental workers' rights around the world.

Public Service International's general secretary visits Ecuador on May Day

PSI general secretary, Peter Waldorff, will join PSI affiliates in Ecuador during their celebrations on International Worker's Day. Waldorff 's visit to the Andean region comes at a time when government policies in many Andean countries are showing a downward trend in terms of the exercise of freedom of association, collective bargaining and the right to strike for public sector workers at all professional and occupational levels.

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28 April International Workers' Memorial Day

Emergencies and disasters are a fact of life: public service workers must be consulted and involved in planning, decision-making and delivery at all levels of disaster scenarios. On International Workers' Memorial Day, PSI members, our families and communities join together to remember and mourn our sisters and brothers who have been killed or injured at work when saving the lives of others, and we pledge to continue our fight for the rights of the living.

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Social dumping denounced in Norway
PSI affiliate Fagforbundet has exposed a scandalous case of social dumping in Norway. The recruitment agency Adecco was managing a total of five nursing homes in Norway - in all of them, serious breaches of collective agreements and working hour regulations have been discovered.

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PSI videos: March for the alternative
PSI commissioned two videos during the March for Alternative on 26 March 2011. PSI affiliates gathered in London and Belfast to march against the austerity cuts proposed by the UK government. PSI was there to film the events and to ask public sector workers what they think of the cuts and how people will be affected.

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Video: Public water and the way forward
This video provides a brief overview of PSI work with the UN system, NGOs and public operators. It was compiled from interviews with participants at UN Habitat's first congress of the Global Water Operator Partnership Alliance, held in Cape Town, South Africa 20-21 March 2011.

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