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Quality Public Services—Action Now! campaign launches around the world

Public Services International affiliates are a leading force in the Council of Global Unions' Quality Public Services—Action Now! campaign which launched 23 June 2011, World Public Services Day. Watch the short videos, learn about PSI's campaigns in eThekwin (Durban), South Africa, Spain, Ireland, Wisconsin, USA and elsewhere, read PSI leaders' statements, sign the Charter on Quality Public Services, and add your local campaign to the global map!

Health Services Workers' Union of Ghana wins PSI Public Service Trade Union Award 2011

A small union with a big heart and major achievements to its credit, the Health Services Workers' Union of Ghana is an exemplary union which defends quality public health services by fighting for decent work and promoting trade union rights for all health workers.

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Letter of solidarity and sympathy to Norwegian affiliate members of PSI and the people of Norway

Public Services International General Secretary Peter Waldorff extends heartfelt condolences to all PSI members, their families, co-workers and neighbours in Norway who have been affected by the brutal attacks carried out against innocent people on 22 July in Oslo and Utøya.

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Stop the persecution of public service workers in South Korea

The government of South Korea has prosecuted almost 1400 public workers and teachers – and thousands more face charges for allegedly violating laws against political association. Join the LabourStart campaign now and write to the Korean government to demand an end to the persecution.

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PSI calls on affiliates to join protest against state repression and violence in Malawi

Public Services International strongly condemns the violent disruption of peaceful protests by police forces on 20 and 21 July, which left 19 people dead in Malawi. PSI affiliates are asked to join in writing letters of protest to the government of Malawi now.

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Algerian union leader targeted

PSI sends a message of solidarity and concern regarding the attempted assassination on 15 July 2011 of Rachid Malaoui, General Secretary of Algerian affiliate SNAPAP.

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UK workers strike over pensions, pay and job cuts in largest public sector action in a generation

Tens of thousands of striking public sector workers attended rallies in London and around the UK to protest government attacks on pensions and cuts in services and jobs, on 30 June. More actions are planned for October 2011.

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Gender pay gap widens in Europe following cuts to public sector jobs and pay

PSI's European Federation of Public Service Unions demands that the European Commissioner take action to reverse effects of austerity measures which wrongly target the public sector and hurt women in the public service.

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Trade unionists commit to building strong alliances for LGBT rights

More than 150 trade unionists and equality campaigners met in Cape Town, South Africa in July to engage in debates and workshops and build a plan of action for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

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Victory at last! Domestic workers win new ILO Convention

On 16 June 2011, workers, governments and employers at the 100th International Labour Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, adopted the First Convention and accompanying Recommendation on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.

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PSI welcomes UN declaration on HIV and AIDS

PSI welcomes the commitment of United Nations member states to combat the AIDS epidemic with working in partnership with unions and other organisations.

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Fiji: defending workers' rights

PSI denounces the new law which denies basic rights and protection to Fiji's 15,000 public service workers.

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Job opportunity - Senior Policy and Advocacy officer

PSI is seeking to employ a Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer. The job includes supporting affiliated organisations in their campaigns and engaging in international lobbying.

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Secondment opportunity - Quality Public Services-Action Now! Campaign Coordinator

PSI invites affiliates to consider sponsoring the secondment of a qualified affiliate staff member to the position of Campaign Coordinator for the new Quality Public Services-Action Now! campaign.

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Introducing new staff at PSI

PSI has recently welcomed new members of staff at the Head Office in Ferney-Voltaire, France, and the Inter-American office in San Jose, Brazil.

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