



INVITATION TO FAMILIES: JOIN WOODCRAFT FOLK FOR THE PEACEFUL MARCH FOR THE ALTERNATIVE

Woodcraft Folk, the cooperative children's charity, is supporting families and young people to march alongside trade unions and anti-cuts groups calling for jobs, growth and justice next Saturday 26th March.

Woodcraft Folk members invite anybody wanting to attend the march with children to assemble with them at Lincoln's Inn Fields at 11.30 on Saturday to be part of a fun, lively demonstration. Woodcraft Folk volunteers will create a moving safe space with a family friendly atmosphere where children and young people will be able to join the demonstration while remaining safe. Woodcraft Folk volunteers will also be running a lost kids marquee and an activity area in Hyde park with political crafts and games.

Woodcraft Folk is a voluntary organisation that runs groups around the UK for children age 6 upwards. Many of these groups are organising transport to enable those young people who wish to protest to attend the march and make their voice heard. Woodcraft Folk has written to all its young members saying it will support them if they choose to protest, join or the march or take direct action on the 26th.

Woodcraft Folk has also supported it's young members in attending previous demonstrations against cuts to education; enabling hundreds of children and young people to get their voices heard and remain safe despite controversial police tactics such as kettling. One young Woodcraft Folk member said: "Just because I'm 11, it does not mean I don't have a say or an opinion. People want us to be interested in politics. Well I am now, so let me show it. Woodcraft Folk have been extremely helpful and incredibly involved. Without them it would have been a lot harder."

Lloyd Russel-Moyle who is the chair of Woodcraft Folk's board of trustees and a member of the European Youth Forum said: "We hope that young people, supported through our network of local groups, will be able to make their voice heard by joining the March for the Alternative. Our members, leaders and trustee board (of which over 50% are under 25) will be marching in support of young people's services and enabling our young members to have their say in a safe and effective manner."

- This week Woodcraft Folk launched a website for its presence at the march (woodcraft.org.uk/young-people-protest-watch) and is encouraging families and young people who are interested in Marching with Woodcraft Folk to get the latest details about the Woodcraft Folk meeting point and plan for the day there.

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