

# The People vs PFI Conference Programme

## 1 November 2014

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London, WC1E 7HT

<b>Morning</b>			
9-9.45am	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Talks</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
9.45am	<b>Introduction</b>	Why this conference	Dr David McCoy (Medact)
10am-11.30am	<b>Why PFI is Unacceptable</b>	<p>PFI in context: financialisation, privatisation and the debt industry</p> <p>PFI impact on the NHS: financially disastrous and clinically unsafe</p> <p>PFI inequity: shifting the debt burden to the next generation</p> <p>PFI and the Global South: financial extraction and the growing wealth gap</p> <p>PFI and social housing: ruthless profiteering at the expense of democratic accountability</p>	<p>Ann Pettifor (Advocacy International)</p> <p>David Price (Queen Mary University)</p> <p>Ashley Seager (Inter-generational Foundation)</p> <p>Nick Hildyard (Corner House)</p> <p>Stuart Hodgkinson (University of Leeds)</p>
<b>Break</b>			
11.45am- 1pm		<b>Public testimony against PFI</b>	Campaigners, public service users, communities
<b>Lunch</b>			
2-4pm	<b>Parallel Workshops</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
		Follow the money – how does private finance work as a corporate scam? Who pays and who profits?	<p>Dexter Whitfield (European Services Strategy Unit)</p> <p>John Christensen (Tax Justice Network) TBC</p>
		Freedom of Information for Beginners	Sid Ryan (Centre for Investigative Journalism) Megan Waugh
		Getting stories into local news and social Media	Centre for Investigative Journalism
		Contract monitoring – how to hold public bodies and private contractors to account	Stuart Hodgkinson with PFI housing activists
		Mobilising communities around protest and direct action	TBC
<b>Break</b>			
4.15- 5.30pm	<b>Roundtable Debate on How to Fight PFI</b>	<p>Legal challenges</p> <p>Local action – National coordination</p> <p>Politicians and parliament</p> <p>Media</p>	<p>Joel Benjamin (Move Your Money)</p> <p>Cat Hobbs (We own It)</p> <p>Dexter Whitfield</p> <p>John Lister (Keep Our NHS Public)</p> <p>Fran Boit (Positive Money)</p> <p>Richard Brooks (Private Eye)</p>

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