

Swindon Tenants Campaign Group

Meeting: March 16th 2013, 2 p.m.

Campaigning against the 'bedroom tax'

Venue: Queens Drive Methodist Church

Entrance in Whitbourne Avenue, SN3 2JX

No 17 and 18 buses stop in Whitbourne Avenue/or parking available

The 'bedroom tax' is one of the most inhuman pieces of legislation ever dreamt up by a British government. Two thirds of those households affected have at least one disabled person. It's main purpose is to penalise people who are on housing benefit. Pensioners and tenants who pay full rent are unaffected. However, under Universal Credit 'mixed age' couples (i.e. one over pension age, one under) will have to pay. The legislation is due to come in on April 1st.

The inhumanity of this measure is now being exposed throughout the media, highlighting the human consequences, often for disabled and vulnerable people. Potentially every victim of the 'bedroom tax' is a PR disaster for the government and its supporters.

Swindon Tenants Campaign Group is calling this meeting to discuss how tenants can support each other in the face of this cut in their already meagre living standard. Tenants cannot be left to face this situation on their own. We need to support people threatened with eviction as a result of the 'bedroom tax' and to press the Council to commit *not* to evict tenants who are in financial difficulties as a result of the cut in their Housing Benefit, and the extra they will have to pay in Council Tax. We need to campaign nationally for the **repeal** of 'the bedroom tax' should it come in in April.

(We will also be giving updates on rent and Housing finance.)

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