



Press Release

Stop Tax Dodgers – Notts Save Our Services Campaign joins the National Day of Action on Saturday 4 December

Notts Save Our Services Campaign will join campaigners around the country in a national day of action on Saturday 4 December to protest against tax-avoiding corporations.

The UK Uncut Campaign is leading the protests and says: “When this government let Vodafone get away with not paying a £6bn tax bill earlier this year they sent a very clear message to UK citizens: we are not all in this together.”

Activists have closed down more than 30 Vodafone shops in the past six weeks.

Their new target is multi-billionaire businessman Phillip Green and his retail empire, which includes Topshop, Topman, Dorothy Perkins, Burton, Miss Selfridge and British Home Stores. UK Uncut says:

“In 2005 Philip Green awarded himself £1.2bn, the biggest paycheck in British corporate history. But this dividend payout was channeled through a network of offshore accounts, via tax havens in Jersey and eventually to Green’s wife’s Monaco bank account. The dodge saved Green, and cost the tax payer, close to £300m.”

UK Uncut also highlights the case of Alliance Boots: The company was bought by private equity firm KKR in June 2007 and the headquarters moved from Nottingham to Switzerland. The amount of tax paid has fallen from £131 million to less than £20 million.

The Nottingham protest will begin at 1pm outside Vodafone in Clumber Street and visit Top Shop and Boots on the way.

Avoiding tax is big business. British corporations avoid up to £25 billion a year in tax – money that could be used to invest in services and protect jobs. Instead HMRC are writing off tax bills for the richest in our society, while sending bills to pensioners, workers and others who they claim owe thousands due to their own miscalculations.

Notts Save Our Services says: “It’s time to pay!”

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Notts Save Our Services Campaign brings together people and organisations in the City and County who will be negatively affected by all aspects of the public spending cuts and who want to take action to stop them.

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