

**Unable to pay your Council Tax Bill?
Worried about getting into council tax debt?
Want to build solidarity with other claimants to fight these cuts?**

CTB Information Meetings

**information, support, campaign
Every 2 weeks starting Thursday March 21, 7pm**

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Defend Council Tax Benefit Campaign is running regular sessions in the city centre from Thursday 21 March to monitor the impact of Council Tax Benefit cuts, provide information to people who may not be able to pay their bills and invite them to join the campaign.

The Government has scrapped the national Council Tax Benefit scheme and from 1st April this year local councils have to start their own scheme with less money. Under Nottingham City's new Council Tax Support Scheme, council tax benefit is being cut by 8.5% for all working age claimants and from April 2014, Nottingham City Council proposes a cut of 20%.

Council tax bills are arriving on peoples' doorsteps this month causing anger, anxiety and distress as many claimants already on the breadline are being asked to pay amounts they can't afford. The cuts affect people on low incomes, in part time work, unemployed or unable to work because of sickness (pensioners are not affected at the present time)

This is not an individual problem for claimants, we need to build solidarity to support people who can't pay and build a campaign to fight these cuts.

The sessions are:

7pm Thursday 21 March and every alternate Thursday
International Community Centre
Mansfield Road
Nottingham

For more information (and to check re holidays etc.) contact Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Defend Council Tax Benefits Campaign on 07505 135 807 or defendcounciltaxbenefits@yahoo.co.uk, <http://defendcounciltaxbenefits.blogspot.co.uk/>, <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/450355785005204/>, <https://twitter.com/defendbenefits> tweet us defendbenefits

