

Celebrating, Defending, Reclaiming our NHS - a weekend of events

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Ahead of the anniversary of the founding of the NHS on July 5th 1948, we've organised [a weekend of events](#) exploring the past, present and future of the NHS and how we can campaign to ensure healthcare for all.

We're kicking it all off with 20 questions on the NHS at The Retreat pub quiz - 9pm at the Church St pub (just off the High St, by Sunshine Health Food shop).

The main event is a day of talks, workshops and stalls, 10am-5pm on Saturday 18th - including workshops on researching privatisation, organising in health and social care workplaces and in community campaigns. There will be activities for children at the SVA (12.30-1.30pm), and parents will be able to leave children at the regular creche at the nearby Stroud Baptist Church on Saturday morning.

[Caroline Molloy - Editor of OurNHS](#) will offer tips on campaigning and attempt to answer all your niggling NHS questions (11am-12noon), Mark - a Unison rep and member of the Protect CCHP campaign which successfully fought privatisation of children's NHS services in Bristol and South Gloucestershire - will provide a training session for health and social care workers on organising in workplaces (12.30-1.30pm), and [Corpora te Watch](#)

will run a session on researching the private companies taking over our NHS (1.30-3.30pm).

Other health workers and speakers will join us for a panel debate, and we'll have a keynote speech on the past, present and future of the NHS (3.30pm - 4pm, followed by Q&A and debate till 5pm).

This is accompanied by a weekend-long exhibition at the Line Gallery in John St - " [How Come We Didn't Know](#)

" - featuring Keep Our NHS Public member Marion Macalpine's series of photographs exploring the hidden privatisation of our NHS.

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We're also screening Michael Moore's documentary comparing health systems internationally and the health insurance industry, [SiCKO](#) , 7-9pm on Saturday night and further entertainment comes in the form of [HEARTBEAT! A night of comedy, video and music at the SVA](#) , John St. 8pm - late on Friday night, and a ['Doctors and Nurses' closing party with the Vine Club](#) 9.30pm - late on Saturday night.

Attendance to all events bar the Vine Club Closing Party is free - but we will be seeking to recover costs and collect donations to help us fund our NHS campaigning activity.

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