

Press Release: Campaigners call public meeting to make NHS, Education and poverty issues in the general election

- What: Public Meeting for supporters of Stroud Against the Cuts
- Where: Stroud Old Town Hall, The Shambles

- When: Thursday 11th May, 7.30-9.30pm

- Free entry/donations welcome

Campaign group Stroud Against the Cuts, which led a successful campaign to keep Gloucestershire's community health services in the NHS in 2011/12, has invited its supporters to a public meeting to discuss the General Election tomorrow, Thursday 11th May. Organisers say the meeting, at the Old Town Hall in the Shambles from 7.30-9.30pm, will be about how to make NHS privatisation, cuts to schools and rising poverty issues in the General Election.

James Beecher, a member of the group's organising committee said: "Stroud Against the Cuts isn't connected to any political party, but we believe there are issues that need to be made central to the discussion ahead of the election, and voices that need to be heard. The government's cuts to the NHS budget and privatisation policies have created a crisis in the NHS and a threat to its future

. We're also worried about the

[£3bn/year cuts to school budgets that the Conservatives are planning by 2020](#)

, and want to make sure that parents and teachers fears are part of the debate. Our group was set up to fight cuts and privatisation, but we're also concerned about the growing poverty we see in this country - at our meeting on Thursday we'll be talking about how we can make sure that the voices of people experiencing the impacts of the government's policies are heard"

[More information is available on Facebook](#) , and elsewhere [on our website you can find details of what we'll be discussing](#)

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