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Just a quick email to say a big thank you to all who took part in yesterday's protests. We know that this was a very busy time for members and we really appreciate the hard work that went into organising these events.

Over 100 protests took place across the country which generated some really good local media coverage. Please see below an example of just some of the stories that have already come in to us.

Today we have the budget in which we are expecting the announcement of big cuts in public service funding. Cuts that will hurt our communities and risk a double dip recession. UNISON will be at the front of the campaign opposing these cuts and yesterday our members in FE and HE made it clear that we will campaign relentlessly to save our public services.

Thanks again

Ps please email us copies of your protest pictures and we will get them up on the UNISON website education@unison.co.uk

Broadcast Summary

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STUDENTS STAFF AND UNIONS PROTEST HIGHER EDUCATION CUTS

University staff and students along with unions gathered in the centre of Leeds today to lend their voice to national protests against planned Government cuts to higher education. Protesters from the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University were joined by a coalition of unions including members of Unite and Unison unions. VOXPOP: PROTESTERS - we're saying we shouldn't/we're going to fight back against the cuts. STUDIO INTERVIEW: PROF MALCOLM POVEY, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS - higher education makes a massive contribution to the UK economy. BBC Radio Leeds, Drivetime, 21/06/2010, 16:55:36, 00:03:51

EDUCATION PROTEST

Education unions been holding a day of action in defence of higher and further education. Under the slogan 'United For Education' the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, the Educational Institute of Scotland, the General and Municipal, the University and College Union, Unite, the public sector union Unison and the National Union of Students are combining to raise awareness of what they say is the attack on education and the cost of these attacks on society. At Leicester University there was a lunchtime protest and actions also took place at De Montfort and Loughborough universities STUDIO INTERVIEW: CHRIS MARLOW, UNITE REPRESENTATIVE AT UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTERSHIRE - [delay in broadcasting interview] BBC Radio Leicester, Drivetime, 21/06/2010, 17:48:35, 00:00:55

STAFF AND STUDENTS PROTEST ABOUT FUNDING CUTS IN EDUCATION

Millions of pounds have already been slashed from budgets and redundancies are looming. Reporter - a sight we probably better get used to after tomorrow's swinging budget. INTERVIEW:CHRIS WILLIAMSON, UNISON - there's been a cut of about two hundred million pounds in further education. Reporter - a final vuvuzela serenaded attempt to persuade Chancellor George Osborne to safeguard education funding in his budget. INTERVIEW: DAVID BRANSON, UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION - what I think we'll see is cuts in funding for further education. BBC 1 North East & Cumbria, North East News, 21/06/2010, 18:39:08, 00:01:51

STAFF AT BLACKBURN COLLEGE AND TEACHING UNIONS PROTEST AGAINST CUTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

They are calling it the day of dissent. INTERVIEW: CRAIG HAMMOND, UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE UNION - all the education unions have come out for a day of descent. Reporter - to what extent are these cuts going to be made? INTERVIEW: ADIL BABAR, UNISON - we are quite fortunate at Blackburn college because at the moment we're not facing any major job losses. Reporter - surely the government has to take drastic action.
BBC Radio Lancashire, Drivetime, 21/06/2010, 17:07:49, 00:03:42

CHANCELLOR GEORGE OSBORNE SHOWS HIS FACE IN BOOTLE

Cardboard cutouts were all part of a protest at Hugh Baird College ahead of tomorrow's budget. INTERVIEW: MARK DAVIES, CHAIR, UCU - there has been a withdrawal of funding which affects the amount of students. Reporter - George Osborne warned he would make cuts because the country is in such a mess. INTERVIEW: SUE PARRY, UNISON - we've already seen cuts in adult funding. They can make the bankers pay, there's all sorts of ways.
BBC Radio Merseyside, Drivetime, 21/06/2010, 17:14:28, 00:03:58

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS AHEAD OF CHANCELLOR GEORGE OSBORNE'S BUDGET

Details were given in brief. VISUAL - Unison.
ITV 1 Tyne Tees, North East News, 21/06/2010, 18:07:18, 00:00:28

Call to 'get a grip' over education
The Southern Reporter, and 18 other sources (Unison) -- 22/06/10 07:13

...joined by the University and College Union (UCU), Unite and *Unison* to rally public support for a national petition against further cuts .
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