



UK cities host a day of action against government cuts

On 22 October, more than 5,000 people gathered in cities across the UK for the second day of rallies and marches organised by the Hardest Hit campaign.

The event followed on from a march that took place in London in May. Once again, people with a range of disabilities and long-term conditions united to protest against welfare reform and cuts to benefits and vital local services.

Standing out from the crowd

Parkinson's UK had a strong presence among the charities represented. People affected by Parkinson's and staff joined together to take to the streets of city centres including Leeds, Brighton, Edinburgh (pictured above) and Bristol (pictured right). Cyan blue T-shirts were clearly visible among the crowds – along with an eye-catching placard created especially for the day, which read 'PM says scrounger, doctor says Parkinson's'.

Our Wales Trustee, Alun Morgan, reported from Cardiff. "Around 1,000 people assembled outside the City Hall. Although there were just a few of

us from Parkinson's UK, we stood out in cyan. As happened elsewhere, we heard speeches by politicians. But in Cardiff, these were eclipsed by the wit of Welsh actor and disability campaigner Boyd Clack, who highlighted the mismatch between the speeches and actions of both major parties. We felt he was speaking for us."

The campaign continues, so even if you couldn't make an event, visit the Hardest Hit website www.hardesthit.org.uk or contact our Campaigns team on 020 7963 9349. ■

