

Against cuts? Come to Socialism 2010!

THE CAPITALIST leaders at the moment are telling us that cuts are inevitable and there's nothing that workers can do about it. This reminds me very much of when Thatcher brought the poll tax out over twenty years ago.

Rob Williams

Unite Convenor, Swansea Linamar, and National Shop Stewards Network steering committee member

Then we were told that we can't defeat the poll tax, Thatcher defeated the miners, and ordinary workers can't fight back. But we built a mass movement of 18 million people who wouldn't pay the poll tax and defied the law. We not only defeated the poll tax, we defeated Thatcher who was forced to step down as prime minister.

Cameron has gone down on record as saying that Britain will never be the same again if these cuts go through. He's right in one way: everything that we take for granted is now on the line. Education, healthcare, the welfare state - everything that people before us fought for. However, that's if we don't fight. We believe, in the Socialist Party, that ordinary people have got no option but to fight back and defend all the gains that we have won over the generations.

Therefore, Socialism 2010 is absolutely vital for any activists who want to fight back, whether they are in trade unions or in our communities. If you come to So-

cialism 2010, you can get involved in some of the sessions that are going to discuss how we fight back against the cuts, the lessons of history from campaigns such as the poll tax and the Liverpool Labour city council where mass campaigns defeated the Tories' attacks. But also, if you're a trade union activist that wants your union branch or your union nationally to fight the cuts, then you can discuss this with many other activists who are facing the same problems as part of the same crisis.

So come along to Socialism 2010. I'm sure over the next months and years when you're involved in disputes or community campaigns that are needed to stop these cuts, you'll look back at the time you spent during a weekend in November at Socialism 2010 which gave you some of the ammunition to fight back.

Fight the cuts discussions at Socialism 2010:

- How can we stop the axemen? A strategy to stop the cuts
- Are cuts necessary? What would a socialist budget look like?
- How can we build fighting trade unions?



Socialism 2010 - a weekend of discussion and debate

Hosted by the Socialist Party

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November

Rallies: Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, NW1 2BJ

Rally speakers include:

Matt Wrack, FBU general secretary

Cindy Sheehan, US anti-war activist

Andros Payiatsos, General Secretary, CWI Greece

Peter Taaffe, Socialist Party General Secretary

Sessions: ULU, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HY

Weekend: £25/£12 concession. One day: £15/£7 concession.

Saturday night accommodation available.

For more information and to buy tickets online go to

www.socialism2010.net or phone 020 8988 8777

Socialist Party summer camp



The Socialist Party 2010 summer camp, held during the August bank holiday weekend, was attended by 85 adults and 30 children. The Saturday night rally, on building the struggle against the Tories and their cuts, was introduced by Socialist Party general secretary Peter Taaffe. This was followed by another successful camp quiz. Other discussions at the camp included Karl Marx's pamphlet Value and Profit, the role of art in society, organising amongst young people, the Pakistan flood crisis, and women and the family under capitalism. Many campers enjoyed the quad bikes, a new addition to this year's organised activities. Thanks go to Stevenage Socialist Party members for organising the camp for the eleventh consecutive year.

photo A. Hill

Fighting fund: £16,340 needed by 8 October

THE SOCIALIST Party fighting fund has been boosted following appeals at the Summer Camp and the recent weekend organisers' school in Derbyshire which together raised over £2,000. The total nationally now stands at £11,362, with 55% of the target of £25,000 still to be raised by 8 October.

Caerphilly Socialist Party branch is leading the way, having smashed their target with a total so far of 233%, with Grimsby, Coventry West, Mansfield, Newport and Gloucestershire among those branches not far behind. Over the next month Socialist Party members will be out on the streets campaigning against the public sector cuts, with every aspect of our public services under threat from the axe of Cameron and Osborne and their cabinet of Tory millionaires.

It is vital that the Socialist Party has the finance to be able to campaign effectively against these savage cuts. Socialist Party members, alongside fire fighters, civil servants, local government workers and others, are participating in the lobby of the Trades Union Congress on 12

September called by the National Shop Stewards Network. We are demanding that the TUC leaders organise a national demo as a first step in fighting back against these cuts.

Our members are also actively involved in helping to set up anti-cuts unions in every area to build a broad coalition of local trade unions, community groups, young people and others.

Your help required

CAN YOU help? Unlike the Tory millionaires who have the backing of the greedy bankers and big business, including the likes of Rupert Murdoch and his phone-hacking papers, the Socialist Party is funded entirely by ordinary working class people. Can you make a donation and help fund a socialist alternative to the destruction of our vital public services and jobs?

Please fill in the slip below left, donate via our website - www.socialistparty.org.uk/donate - or telephone 020 8988 8777.

Ken Douglas

Socialist Party national treasurer

dates for your diary

Huddersfield Socialist Party Save Our Services after-demo meeting

Saturday 11 September
Albert pub, next to the library, Huddersfield town centre
See the front page for demo details

Wakefield Socialist Party Capitalism in crisis, was Marx right?

Tuesday 14 September, 7.30pm

Black Rock, Wakefield
For more info contact Iain on 07809 839793 or find 'Wakefield Socialist Party' on Facebook

North West Leeds Socialist Party What is socialism? How would it work?

Factory Workers Club, Guiseley
Speaker: Alistair Tice, Yorkshire Socialist Party secretary
For more info contact James on

07837 943708 or find 'North-West Leeds Socialist Party' on Facebook

Walthamstow Socialist Party Liverpool: a city that dared to fight

Thursday 16 September, 7.30pm
William Morris Community Centre, Greenleaf Road, London, E17 6QQ
Lessons from the fight against Thatcher for today's fight against the cuts

Speaker: Ken Douglas, Socialist Party

Wakefield public meeting Keep our NHS Public

Tuesday 21 September, 7.30pm
Wakefield Labour Club (Red Shed), Vicarage Street, Wakefield
Speakers include: Dr Jackie Grunsell - Huddersfield Save Our Services, Paul Holmes - Kirklees Unison, and John Lister - London

Health Emergency

Cardiff West Socialist Party Socialism in the 21st Century

Thursday 30 September, 7.30pm
Koko Gorrillaz, Miskin Street, Cathays, Cardiff
Speaker, Hannah Sell, Socialist Party deputy general secretary
email floss.saunders@gmail.com for more details

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SOCIALIST PARTY FIGHTING FUND

	£ target	£ received	July-September 2010				deadline: 8 October
West Midlands	2,100	2,333	█	█	█	█	█
Wales	2,300	2,003	█	█	█	█	█
South East	800	672	█	█	█	█	█
South West	1,400	793	█	█	█	█	█
Southern	1,200	645	█	█	█	█	█
Yorkshire	2,900	1,317	█	█	█	█	█
East Midlands	1,550	698	█	█	█	█	█
Eastern	1,200	483	█	█	█	█	█
North West	1,200	453	█	█	█	█	█
London	6,100	1,940	█	█	█	█	█
Northern	600	173	█	█	█	█	█
England & Wales	3,650	353	█	█	█	█	█
TOTAL	25,000	11,869	█	█	█	█	█