

Fight the cuts with the Socialist

The only paper that opposes all cuts to jobs and services



Why do you read the Socialist?

The Socialist (like Militant before it) is both an educator and a guide to action. Its support for the titanic struggle of the Liverpool City Council in the 1980s, and its leadership in the historic campaign against Thatcher's poll tax which resulted in her demise, are just two examples of the paper's role as a workers' paper. Not only is the paper a theoretical tool, it also outlines a clear socialist alternative, and seeks to equip the labour movement with a correct programme and strategy to bring that about.

Tony Muirhead,
Liverpool City Councillor 1984-7

Young people and students are facing the worst attacks in a generation on their living conditions and opportunities. The Socialist recognised that from the outbreak of the economic crisis and has had brilliant coverage, not just of the cuts but of the beginnings of the fight for a future that's starting in the universities, colleges and communities around the country and internationally.

Claire Laker-Mansfield, Socialist Students national organiser

The media propaganda storm saying 'cuts must be made' to our living standards and our services to prop up the failed and discredited capitalist system has to be countered. Only The Socialist provides facts and figures for us to use in this struggle,



A firefighter,
London

but most importantly provides analysis and strategy to help us organise and defend them.

Hugo Pierre, candidate for Unison NEC, personal capacity

As a mental health nurse I encounter the 'casualties' of this capitalist system daily. These people are mentally broken, in large part by the harsh social and economic realities facing the working class. The difficulties faced by people in mental distress are further compounded by a society that rejects them outright. Reading The Socialist has raised my awareness that there is a better way to organise society.

A mental health nurse

All the other papers tell us there is no alternative to cuts, tuition fees and attacks on my generation and my community. The Socialist keeps me in touch with the fightback. Not only the most informative read of the week, but the most inspiring too!

Jethro Waldron, college student, Nottingham

I bought a copy of the Socialist on a mass protest against the sackings of all 5,000 London firefighters and I realised there are a lot of things going on that anger me. I realised that it is

not just the way that firefighters are being treated, but the way everyone is being treated!

Brutal attacks on the working class

WE ARE all in it together' - that is the sickening mantra repeated by millionaire ministers as they sharpen their axes. But it's a lie. While boardroom pay soared by 55% the chancellor's own figures show that the poorest 10%

will bear the worst effects of the cuts. The super-rich will be insulated from any pain by their wealth. For the rest of us it will be grim.

If the Con-Dems axes are allowed to fall, unemployment will balloon as half a million jobs in the public sector are slashed, as well as another half a million in the private sector.

For a generation of young people, the future looks bleak. Millionaire MPs propose doubling university fees and slashing the financial support for college students as the EMA is snatched away.

Homelessness and overcrowding



Mass action needed

government's bows.

There are six million workers employed in the public sector. Coordinated strike action between their trade unions is also urgently required to stop this government in its tracks.

Workers need a political voice. Labour Party only proposes slowing the axe - not staying it - and Labour councils are carrying through cuts at local level. Anti-cuts campaigns should consider standing their own candidates in May. We need a new political voice for working class people, a new mass workers' party.

French and will not fight back but only around 20 years ago Thatcher, the so-called 'Iron Lady', and her hated poll tax were defeated when 18 million people got organised into a mass movement of non-payment led by the predecessor of this government in its tracks.

The trade unions have a central role to play. Under pressure the TUC leadership has called a national demo - but for March 2011. This is too late.

A massive national demo, before the end of 2010, could act as the lightning rod for the anger of millions and it would fire a warning shot across the

The Socialist alternative

It would mean democratic planning of the economy to meet the needs of all and to protect the environment.

The Socialist Party has a proud record of struggle and currently plays a leading role in the campaigns against cuts, putting forward both a strategy for the fightback and a socialist alternative.

Capitalism is organised on a global basis so we are part of a world socialist organisation, the Committee for a Workers' International (www.socialist-world.net).

If you agree with what you read in The Socialist - then you should join us!



Subscribe to the Socialist

3 months/ 12 issues £9 6 months/ 24 issues £18 12 months/ 48 issues £36

Name _____ Address _____

Tel/ email _____ Postcode _____

Post your completed form to: Socialist Publications, PO Box 24697, London E11 1YD, making cheques payable to Socialist Publications Ltd. Call 02089888796 to pay by card or arrange a direct debit. Visit www.socialistparty.org.uk/subscribe

Total £ _____ Card no. _____ Security code _____ Issue number (switch only) _____

Valid from _____ Expires _____

The Socialist needs you!

THE SOCIALIST is a paper for working class people, by working class people. We're always looking for writers and want the paper to be a voice for ordinary people who are so often ignored in the mainstream media so please get in touch if you think you could help us.

If something has particularly 'got up your nose' this week, why not write a letter? Or send a short article on how the cuts are affecting you and people you know. If there's a fightback being organised in your work-

place, let other workers know what's happening with a report on the situation. If you want to write but aren't quite sure what about or where to start, send us an email or give us a call to discuss what kind of articles we're looking for.

We're always in need of good quality photographs too so make sure you always have your camera with you and get in touch for instructions of how best to send them to us. Email editors@socialistparty.org.uk or call 0208 988 8777