

the Socialist May Day greetings 2018



INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

May Day is a time when workers and socialists across the world demonstrate solidarity in the class struggle against the bosses.

Its roots go back to the fight for an eight-hour day in the 19th century - a campaign overdue for resurrection.

And this May marks 50 years since the incredible 1968 revolutionary movement in France. A heroic general strike put the working class in command. Capitalism all but fell.

You can read more in our feature in the

centre pages of this May Day special edition pull-out, the first article in a series over the month.

The Socialist believes coordinated workers' action has the same power now that it had in May '68. We are proud to print greetings, as is traditional, from some of the most combative organisations of the working class today.

This record-breaking 16-page May Day pull-out contains over 100 greetings, raising £7,500 for the Socialist - the workers' paper that fights to the end for socialism.

Socialist Party members in

Usdaw
*Union of Shop, Distributive
and Allied Workers*

■ **Socialist Amy Murphy
elected president**

■ **For a fighting Usdaw,
£10 now and an end to
zero-hour contracts!**

usdawactivist.wordpress.com

May Day greetings from
Socialist Party members in the



- **Build for national action
on pay and workload**
- **Step up the fight
against academies**
- **For a genuinely comprehensive,
socialist education system**



May Day greetings to the Socialist
**For coordinated action on pay
and against austerity**

PCS NEC
Left Unity members

President Janice Godrich **Deputy President**
Kevin McHugh **Vice-Presidents** Fran
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Hall, Austin Harney, John Jamieson, Mark
Leopard, Marion Lloyd, Dominic McFadden,
John McNally, Lorna Merry, Marianne
Owens, Clara Paillard, Ian Pope, Candy
Udwin, Hector Wesley, Katrine Williams,
Paul Williams leftunity.org.uk

May Day greetings from
Socialist Party members on

UNISON
the public service union
**national executive council
and service group executives**
(all in a personal capacity)

April Ashley, Vicki Perrin, Jacqui
Berry, Hugo Pierre, Steve North,
Michelle Goodman, Angie Waller,
Helen Couchman, John Malcolm,
Adrian O'Malley, Steve Bell

**Fight the jobs and services slaughter
nationally. Branches must not be left to fight
cuts alone. It's a national attack that deserves
a national response.**

- Labour councils should set legal no-cuts budgets
- Reject the divisive NHS pay deal
- Oppose 'Sustainability and Transformation Plans' (STPs) and renationalise the NHS
- Defend migrant workers - stop divide and rule and the 'race to the bottom'
- Fight for a £10-an-hour minimum wage
- Support mass council house building
- Elect a government for the millions, not the billionaires

Socialist Party supporters in the



send May Day greetings to postal
and telecom workers
across the world

**We congratulate CWU postal
members for stopping Royal Mail's
attack on pensions, and urge
telecom workers to vote against
BT's pensions robbery**



May Day greetings from the Socialist
Party members standing for the

PCS DWP
group executive committee

- **Campaigning for better
pay, terms and conditions**
- **Fighting office closures**
- **Campaigning for more staff**



Vote Left Unity to re-elect a fighting,
campaigning, determined leadership

Fran Heathcote
Dave Burke
Janice Godrich
John McNally
Sian Ruddick
Dave Semple
Sarah Spencer
Carrie-Anne Watkins
Katrine Williams

May Day greetings from



Socialist Party members

- **Solidarity
and socialism**
- **No to D00**



Revolutionary May Day
greetings to the Socialist
newspaper and all our
comrades in England
and Wales

**United in struggle
for a socialist world**

socialistpartyscotland.org.uk



On the 50th anniversary of
the workers' and students'
rebellion of France 1968, May
Day greetings and solidarity
with all workers in struggle in
Britain and across the world

**CHRIS
BAUGH**

Assistant General Secretary,
PCS (personal capacity)



Revolutionary
greetings from

**THE COMMITTEE
FOR A WORKERS'
INTERNATIONAL**
**COMITÉ POR UNA INTERNACIONAL
DE LOS TRABAJADORES**

Fighting to end the chaos of
capitalism across the planet



socialistworld.net

SOCIALIST WOMEN


send greetings to all readers

■ **Fighting to end women's oppression is fighting for socialism**

Come to the Women's Lives Matter conference - 9 June, 10am-6pm, Doncaster Unitarian Church, 60 Hall Gate, DN1 3PB

■ **Fighting to stop the cuts to women's and domestic violence services**





May Day greetings from SOCIALIST BOOKS


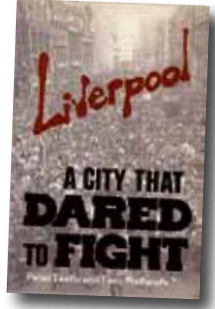
■ Election offer for 'Liverpool - A City That Dared To Fight' by Peter Taaffe and Tony Mulhearn

■ 50% off Kindle edition before 4 May, only £3.75

Coming soon! Socialism: Utopian and Scientific by Frederick Engels

Also available! Trotsky in 1917 ■ Lessons of October ■ From Militant to the Socialist Party

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MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM REFUGEE RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

May Day greetings from

www.tamilsolidarity.org

TAMIL SOLIDARITY

join@tamilsolidarity.org

For the rights of workers & all oppressed people in Sri Lanka

May Day greetings and solidarity from the

Anti Academies Alliance

For a Corbyn-led Labour Government

Let's build a

National Education Service

together

● Comprehensive and progressive

● Democratically accountable to local communities

● Fully funded and inclusive

Let's make a landmark statement for future generations by abolishing the social barbarism of grammars and selection and the structural inequality of private education



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Website: www.antiacademies.org.uk

"A good local school for every child"

IPSWICH DISTRICT TUC

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

ALEXANDRA PARK
ADMISSION FREE
FREE PARKING

May Day Festival

40th ANNIVERSARY

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Emily Thornberry
Shadow First Secretary of State

Sandy Martin
Labour Party MP for Ipswich

Chris Baugh
Assistant General Secretary PCS Union

Becky Tye
Unison

THREE STAGES OF LIVE MUSIC

STALLS • FOOD • RIDES

LOVE MUSIC • LOVE MAY DAY • HATE RACISM

@ipswichmayday www.facebook.com/IpswichFestival



Solidarity to all workers in struggle this May Day 2018, from Coventry TUC

Join us to celebrate the struggle of Grunwick workers on strike from 1976 to 1978 at the nationally acclaimed production of 'We are the Lions, Mr Manager' on Friday 4 May - Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

■ Tickets from buytickets.at/coventrytuc/158755

May Day greetings from


SOCIALIST PARTY LGBT GROUP

Build a fighting socialist movement for LGBT+ rights! Next meeting 13 May in London, email info@socialistparty.org.uk for more details

Greetings from

socialist students





May Day greetings to all our customers and readers of the Socialist

Ideas are essential preparation for action
Read Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky, Luxemburg and Connolly
Socialism, history, Marxism, economics, trade unionism, biography, environment, liberation, politics...

New and second-hand books and pamphlets

■ See list and order at leftbooks.co.uk
■ PO box 24697, London E11 1YD
■ 020 8988 8789



May Day greetings from socialists working for Unison and Unison branches, proudly organised in **Unite LE/372** branch. Fight the Tory enemy!

NSSN STEERING COMMITTEE SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBERS

■ Time to take on the Tories

■ Build a mass May 12 TUC demo

■ Come to NSSN conference 7 July



STEVENAGE AND DISTRICT TUC

Supporting workers in struggle



equity

Socialist Party supporters in Equity

■ May Day greetings to arts workers around the world

■ End sexual harassment in entertainment

■ Fight for well-paid work for all

May Day greetings from

Socialist Party EASTERN REGION

'THE EAST IS RED'

from comrades in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire

May Day

YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS

greetings

VOTE

TUSC AGAINST CUTS



YR **YOUTH AGAINST RACISM IN EUROPE**

Defend migrants' rights
No to racist attacks
Unite to fight the bosses


May Day greetings from

UNITE LONDON ITC WORKERS' BRANCH

Educate, agitate, organise



Coventry CWU branch sends May Day greetings to readers of the Socialist



No to Austerity

For the Re-Nationalisation of Royal mail & the telecommunications Industry under democratic workers control and management.

For socialist change and a socialist world!

May Day greetings from

THE LIVERPOOL 47 GROUP OF COUNCILLORS 1983-87

Still stand as a magnificent example to those Labour councils who carry out every cut demanded by the Tories. We refused to cut and fought back successfully for resources which Thatcher had stolen from Liverpool. We call on Jeremy Corbyn to resist the blackmail of the right and to stand fast against all austerity. Our record includes:

■ 5,000 NEW HOUSES BUILT

■ SIX NEW SPORTS CENTRES

■ 2,000 NEW JOBS AND EXISTING JOBS SAVED

■ £60m WON BACK FROM THE TORIES


We say NO to the capitalist EU and YES to solidarity of the European working class

Onward to a Corbyn-led Labour government


Paul Astbury, Pete Ferguson, Tony Mulhearn, Terry Prout, Harry Smith & friends John Marston, Dave Walsh

May Day greetings from

Liverpool Trades Union Council



bringing the city's unions together since 1848



Workers of the world unite!

The historic ascent of humanity, taken as a whole, may be summarized as a succession of victories of consciousness over blind forces — in nature, in society, in man himself.

Leon Trotsky



VOTE TUSC AGAINST CUTS


Vote Matt Kilsby in Eccles

Vote Sally Griffiths in Winton

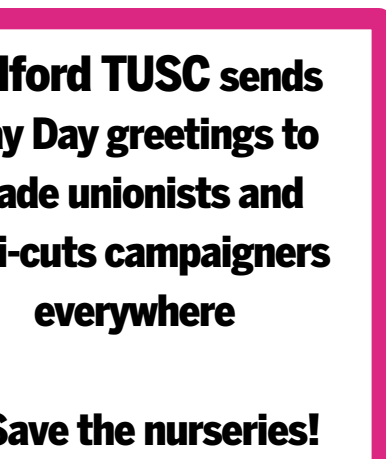
Promoted by Matt Kilsby, 1 Glenfyne Road, Salford M6 7GF on behalf of TUSC candidates in Salford.

May Day greetings to all socialists and trade unionists worldwide

Merseyside Pensioners Association



CELEBRATE MAY DAY



North West Socialist Party

Supporting workers in struggle

Liverpool • Wirral • Chester • St Helens & Warrington • Lancashire • Salford • Manchester



MEARS MANCHESTER STRIKE

unite the UNION

2017/2018

May Day Greetings from Mears housing maintenance workers in Manchester




"LESS CHAT, MORE BAT"

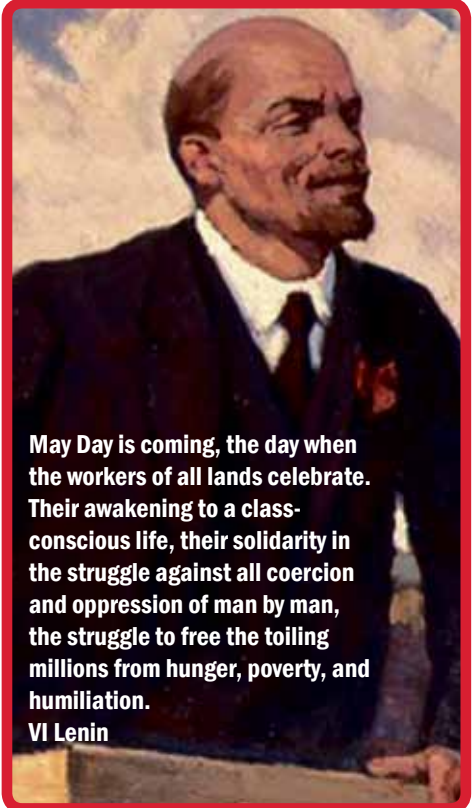
The workforce from Mears Manchester would like to thank everyone that supported our dispute with fighting fund donations and simple messages of solidarity. This includes Unite the Union and its many branches nationwide that chose to back our struggle. Special thanks to our RO Andy Fisher. We couldn't have done this without your devotion to see it through. Mick Whitley and Ritchie James RSS. Alison Spencer-Scragg, Ged Cooney, Jamie Bramwell, Tony Woodhouse, Jerry Swain, Mark Soave, Julie H Phipps, and all our other friends in the South East. Also to Stuart Grice who helped raise funds and guide the reps through social media. Ian Allinson from Fujitsu for guidance and solidarity. A Special mention for Becci Heagney, Paul Gerrard and others from the Socialist Party for standing shoulder to shoulder with us during our pickets and demos.

May Day greetings from

Warrington and District Trades Council

Unity is strength!





May Day is coming, the day when the workers of all lands celebrate. Their awakening to a class-conscious life, their solidarity in the struggle against all coercion and oppression of man by man, the struggle to free the toiling millions from hunger, poverty, and humiliation. VI Lenin

Preston Emerald Celtic Supporters Club

Workers of the world unite!

THE CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

1888

You have nothing to lose but your chains!



Fraternal May Day greetings from

Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Trades Council

Unite 636 branch would like to thank everyone for their support through their industrial action on Arriva buses

Unison Salford City Socialist Party supporters

UNISON the public service union







May Day greetings from Unite Liverpool Construction Branch NW/127404

Campaigning for direct employment and proper regulation following the collapse of Carrillion and the two-year delay on the new Royal Liverpool Hospital





GREETINGS FROM YORKSHIRE SOCIALIST PARTY

In memory of Mary Jackson 1949-2018



Barnsley Save Our NHS demo being addressed by Mike Forster, chair of Hands off HRI



Protesting against Bradford Council's cuts to children's early years services



One of numerous RMT picket lines visited by Socialist Party members in support of the fight against driver-only operation



Socialist Party members on Leeds Pride 2018



Socialist Party members at the Youth Festival organised by comrades through Hull TUC as part of its year of culture



Fighting against council cutbacks in Huddersfield where leading Hands Off HRI campaigners are standing for TUSC



Socialist Party members join UCU picket lines at York Uni, as we have throughout Yorkshire in the recent pensions' dispute



March against NHS cuts in Grimsby, North East Lincs, organised by local Socialist Party members



Protesting in Harrogate against backdoor privatisation of NHS staff across Yorkshire through 'wholly owned subsidiaries'



Solidarity protest with McDonald's strikers organised by Socialist Party members in Leeds TUC and Youth Fight for Jobs



Sheffield Socialist Students on the demonstration outside the Tory party conference

Campaign for Socialist Party member Steve Williams, 2017 TUSC candidate for Doncaster mayor



GMB
GMB@WORK

May Day greetings from
GMB BEVERLEY

- Nationalise all public utilities including the railways
- Defend our NHS. Kick out the PFIs. No to privatisation of the health service
- Support affordable housing for all
- End austerity now

May Day greetings from

socialist students

LEEDS UNIVERSITY AND BECKETT UNIVERSITY

YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS YORKSHIRE

Congratulations to McDonald's workers and BFAWU for winning a pay rise - let's continue to fight for a £10-an-hour minimum wage for all workers!

YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS

LEEDS LABOUR MOVEMENT SOLIDARITY FORUM

For a Corbyn-led government implementing socialist policies - readmit the expelled socialists and let them affiliate



LEEDS TUC

Leeds TUC May Day march Saturday 5 May
Assemble at 11.30am outside Leeds Art Gallery
Speakers include Joanne Thomas, Usdaw North Eastern divisional officer, and Vicky Blake, Leeds UCU president and NEC member

May Day greetings from
HULL TRADE UNION COUNCIL



- From City of Culture to City of Struggle
- Victory to the Wilmington waste strikers, save Hull College
- Workers of the world unite

May Day greetings from



HULL NEU/NUT

Teachers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your workload

unite the UNION

May Day greetings from
UNITE HULL ESMI/GE025

May Day greetings from

HARROGATE SOCIALISTS

Socialist Party

SOUTH YORKSHIRE FREEDOM RIDERS

Fighting for free local train travel for all pensioners

LEEDS FOR FREE EDUCATION

- Scrap fees! For free education for all!
- Grants not loans
- Solidarity with UCU

MAYDAY GREETINGS 2018

To the workers & the Youth of the world!



From...Socialist Party -Northern Region.

unite the UNION

UNITE TYNESIDE GLASS NE202/68

Our fighting union branch sends May Day greetings to the Socialist

Clare Doyle
Committee for a Workers' International (CWI)

Much has changed in the half century since the revolutionary events of May 1968 in France. At that time there was still a 'cold war' between states with very different social systems - capitalism and private ownership of industry in the West and Stalinism in the East, based on bureaucratically run state ownership.

But the ruling elites on both sides of the 'iron curtain' feared revolutions from below, which would see power in the hands of democratically elected representatives of the working class.

The greatest general strike in history - when ten million workers paralysed the 'strong state' of president Charles de Gaulle - showed that such a revolution was possible. If it had succeeded, it would have spread like wildfire across Europe and worldwide.

1968 was a year of big conflicts and mass protest internationally, not least against the US' war in Vietnam. 17 March saw 100,000 on a mass protest at the US embassy in London and violent clashes, including police on horseback charging into the demonstrators.

Workers as well as students in Britain organised sit-ins to pursue their demands. Women machinists at Ford's Dagenham, east London, won their historic struggle for equal pay.

Unrest

The month of revolution in France was preceded by a number of important strikes and unrest among students in schools and universities. Ten years of 'Bonapartist' rule under De Gaulle was stultifying society; an explosion was in the making.

Workers' living and working conditions were lagging behind economic growth. Inflation was eating into wages. In some of the big factories, production lines were literally policed by armed men hired by the bosses.

Students in the universities and schools were angry about overcrowded classes, lack of flexibility in their courses and graduate unemployment.

By the end of April 1968, armed police were sent in against their occupations and peaceful demonstrations. Battles raged and barricades were erected in the streets of Paris. Hundreds of students were arrested, hundreds more were hospitalised.

The ruling class - the government

in particular - was split over whether to continue with repression or make concessions. This is a typical feature of any revolutionary situation as it begins to develop.

At the beginning of May 1968, government concessions actually emboldened the students. But more demonstrations saw more injuries meted out by the police and sympathy from the middle layers in society grew rapidly. It was not long before young workers joined in the demonstrations and the trade unions were forced to call solidarity action.

A one-day official general strike on 13 May saw five million workers around the country take action and one million on the march in Paris. The leaders of the sizeable 'Communist' Party (CP) had hoped this would act like the valve on a pressure cooker and that workers would be content to go back to work.

Future issues

How the movement developed was detailed at the time and later in the newspaper Militant (forerunner of the Socialist) and elsewhere. There will be articles in the next few issues of the Socialist covering the events week by week.

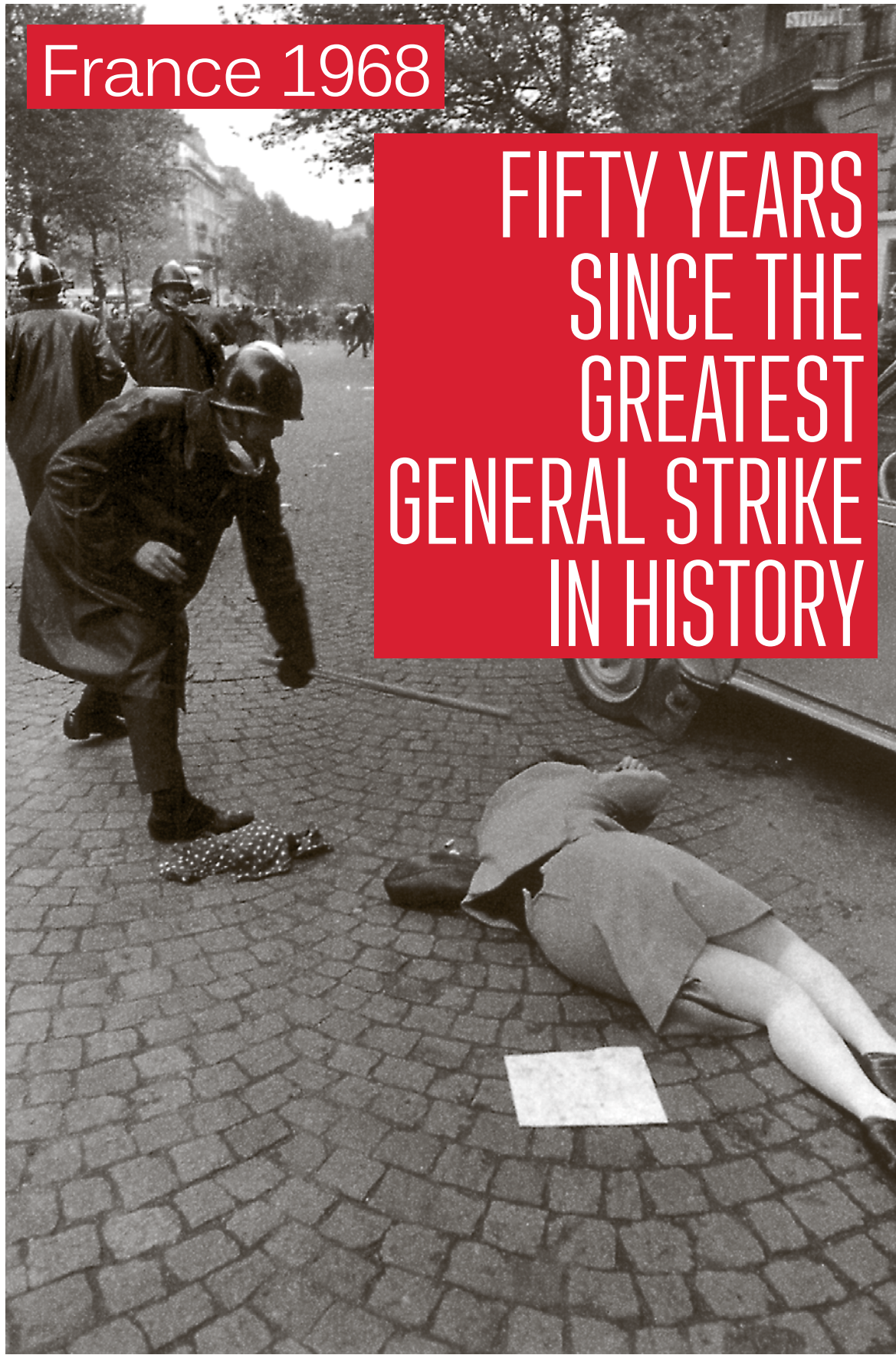
No one could have predicted the speed with which the strike movement would develop as workforces across the country followed the example set by young workers at Sud Aviation in Nantes who decided to stay on strike and lock their bosses up in their offices!

Car factories were occupied, shipyards, coal mines, schools, offices, hospitals, depots, theatres... Mass meetings were held, committees set up, red flags hoisted. Workers everywhere were singing the revolutionary anthem - the Internationale - and discussing what contribution they would make to building a socialist society.

Farmworkers began sit-ins at farms and depots and their unions called for a national demonstration on 24 May. The forces of the state began to mutiny - conscripts, police, sailors, even the hated CRS riot police.

By Friday 24 May, ten million workers - more than half of France's total workforce - were on strike. Violent battles raged on the streets of Paris.

On 25 May, tripartite talks began between the government, the bosses and the trade union leaders (who were still insisting that the struggle was not political!). After three days and nights of talks behind closed doors, a generous package of



reforms was agreed on wages, holidays, working time, etc.

These reforms were the product of revolutionary events but they did not quench the thirst of the millions of workers occupying their workplaces. They rejected them, striving for something else that their traditional leaders were incapable of articulating.

A rally on 27 May filled Paris' Charlety Stadium with 50,000 people to discuss a political alternative to Gaullism and capitalism. The CGT union federation announced a demonstration in Paris for the evening of 29 May - the day De Gaulle 'disappeared' from France saying: "The game is up!"

Half a million strikers marched through the capital but the workers'

leaders had no intention of taking power. Later, the CP leaders said the state was 'too strong', but the state was already disintegrating.

A classical revolutionary situation had developed. The ruling layer in tatters, the middle class clearly on the side of the working class and adopting its methods of struggle. The French working class was fully in action and ready for a fight to the finish.

Workers in neighbouring countries were refusing to do the work of the striking French workers - printing government material, moving goods in or out of the country.

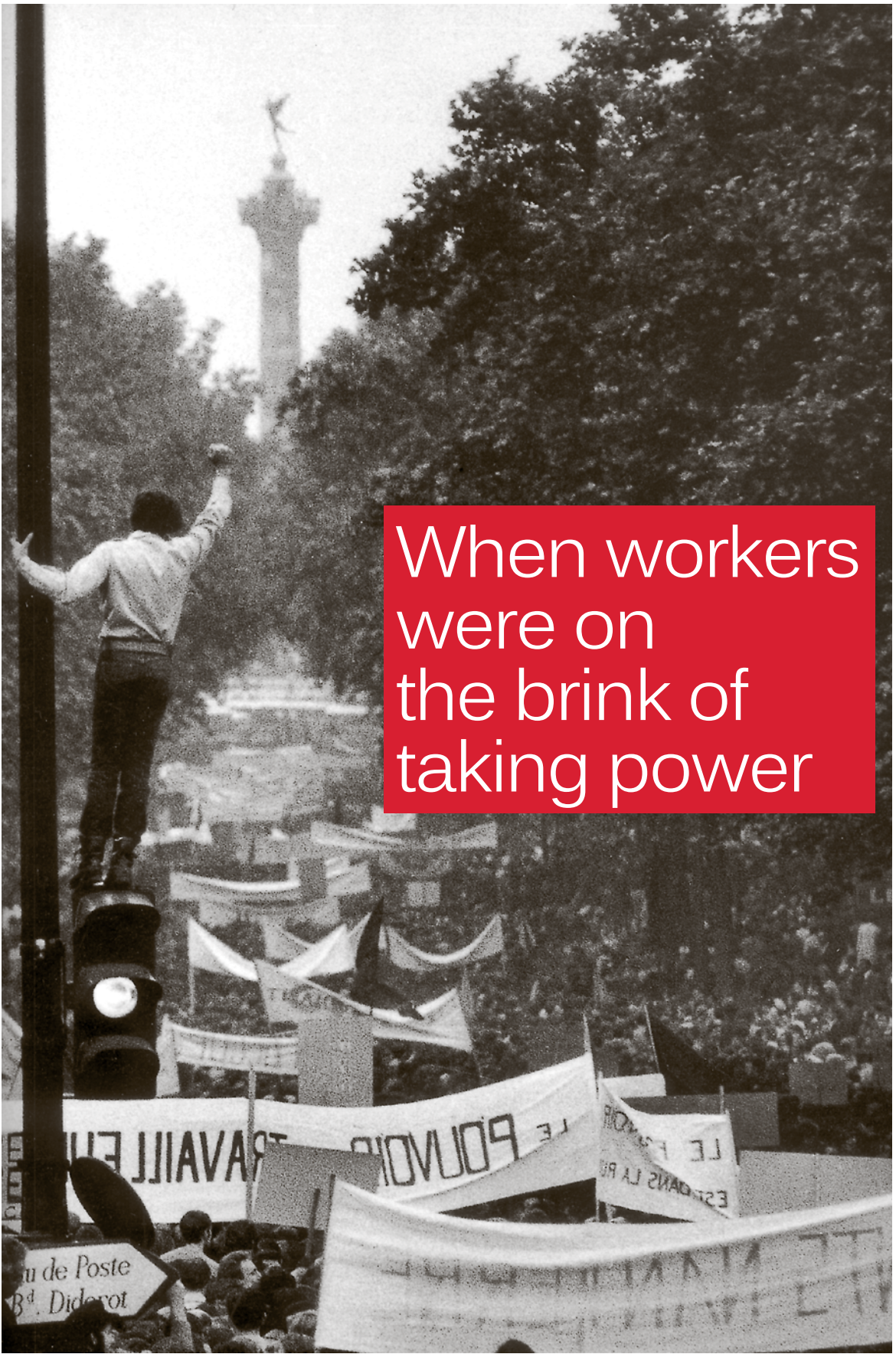
To carry through a successful transfer of power a revolutionary leadership is required with a mass base of support. What could

have been done to complete the revolution?

Linking up the strike committees on a local, regional and national level to form an alternative government was what was needed. This was put forward by active participants in the movement but their voice was small. They lacked a base in the workers' movement.

In 1968, Militant - forerunner of the Socialist Party - had no co-thinkers in France. It had politically separated in 1965 from the Trotskyists of the Fourth International who had some forces, especially among the youth.

But they had been pessimistic about the European - including the French - working class, arguing that they would not move into action for



at least 20 years. They concentrated on the student movement and on the revolt against colonial rule.

One of their leaders, Ernest Mandel, voiced their views in London at a public meeting in the spring of 1968. He was challenged by Militant's editor, Peter Taaffe, who insisted that the working class still retained its capacity to rise and confront French capitalism quite soon.

Mandel disputed this, but, within a month, his false position was answered by the workers of France. With their revolutionary traditions they were on the move again!

In the early days of the events themselves, Peter pointed out to a meeting in the London School of Economics that a sure sign of a revolution on its way in France was

the 12 and 13 year olds trying to join the demonstrations. Their teachers were locking them in their classrooms... until they themselves went on strike! By the end of May 1968 the situation was rotten-ripe for a revolutionary takeover.

In Nantes, a committee was formed early in the movement, of representatives of workers, students and small farmers, which took control in the region of Loire Atlantique over every aspect of society - production, distribution and exchange. Food was brought into the towns by the small farmers, prices and fares were held down, the police were made redundant by students and workers patrolling the neighbourhoods.

If similar representative bodies

had developed in every region and sent elected delegates on to a national council, committees of struggle could have become organs of workers' rule.

As in Russia in October 1917, a trusted revolutionary leadership would have taken all the necessary measures to bring the ranks of the existing state forces over to the side of a socialist government. They would also have made a direct appeal to the workers of every other country to follow suit and prevent the development of a military intervention from outside.

But the leaders of the major union federations and of the Communist Party of France were the ones who least wanted a successful revolution. If workers could take power



in a developed industrial economy, they knew, it would inspire the workers of the Soviet Union to throw the parasitic bureaucracy off their backs and reconstruct genuine workers' democracy. They literally betrayed the French revolution.

It was the workers' 'leaders' who gave De Gaulle the confidence to return to France and call an immediate election, mobilising the forces of reaction onto the streets. The police and army moved in against strikers and left-wing organisations. Hundreds of militant workers were victimised and sacked. Various left organisations were outlawed.

In the June parliamentary election, the Gaullists gained and the Communist Party lost votes - standing, not for a new socialist society, but for 'law and order'. Yet within a year of losing a referendum on constitutional amendments, De Gaulle was gone, replaced as president by a man he had pushed aside as prime minister, Georges Pompidou.

The initial gains for workers arising from the tripartite agreement were, as Militant had warned, undermined by capitalist exploitation in general, and inflation in particular.

But the trade unions grew in numbers. Various social-democratic forces came together

to launch a new Socialist Party with Francois Mitterand its leader in 1972. In less than a decade he was elected as president. The same year, 1981, the Socialist Party was voted into government by a massive 55% of the electorate.

Without an all-out programme of nationalisation and democratic workers' control and management, even a 'socialist' government by name will eventually end up implementing policies in the interests of the 1% - the capitalist class. This was the lesson not only of the Mitterand governments but of the ignominious defeat of 'socialist' President Francois Hollande and his government last year.

'President of the rich'

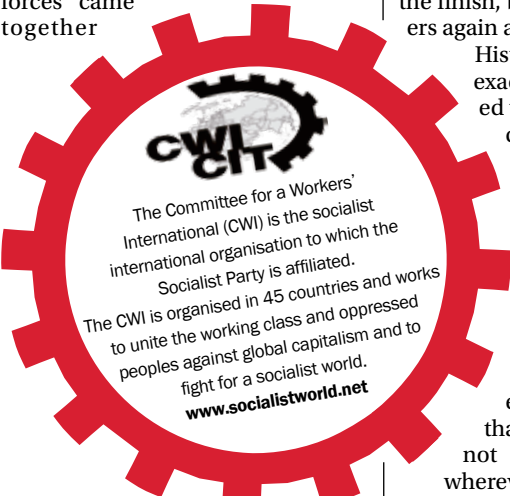
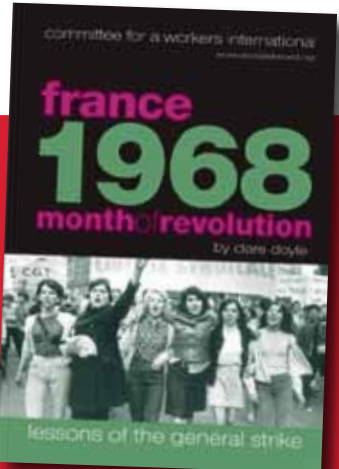
Today, France is embroiled in a new contest between the classes. Emmanuel Macron, the 'president of the rich', is determined to push through a programme of anti-working class measures. The workers and youth of France are determined to fight them.

A new 1968 is in the air. Eight out of ten French people view the events of 50 years ago positively. Popular left figures like Jean-Luc Mélenchon and Olivier Besancenot are calling for a united struggle and a fight to the finish, but the trade union leaders again are failing to give a lead.

History never repeats itself exactly and time is still needed to build a leadership that can take a revolutionary movement on to victory. In France and internationally, discontent and anger are welling up among students and young workers. A look at the greatest general strike in history will inspire a new generation with confidence that socialism can be won, not just in one country - wherever it breaks out first - but worldwide.

Free copy of France 1968 book with every new direct debit subscription to the Socialist

■ socialistparty.org.uk/subscribe
■ Or get the book on its own for £7.50 plus P&P leftbooks.co.uk





SOCIALIST PARTY SOUTH WEST

- Comradely May Day greetings to struggling working class and middle class women and men everywhere striving to fight for social liberation from exploitation, persecution, poverty, ill health and degradation.
- The 21st century already provides the material potential for creating an Eden on Earth. The theory and method of Marxism provides the means for its realisation - forward to socialism.
- "There cannot be, nor is there, nor will there ever be 'equality' between the oppressed and the oppressors, between the exploited and the exploiters. There cannot be, nor is there, nor will there ever be real 'freedom' as long as there is no freedom for women from the privileges which the law grants to men, as long as there is no freedom for the workers from the yoke of capital, and no freedom for the toiling peasants from the yoke of the capitalists, landlords and merchants." - Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, Soviet Power and the Status of Women (1919)
- Organising in Bristol, Gloucester, Stroud, Cheltenham, Lydney, Trowbridge, Taunton, Exeter, Exmouth, Honiton, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham, Totnes, Plymouth, Truro and Bournemouth



May Day greetings from BRISTOL AND DISTRICT ANTI-CUTS ALLIANCE

- SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AUSTERITY



■ FACEBOOK.COM/BRISTOLANTICUTS

May Day greetings from SUSSEX UNIVERSITY SOCIALIST STUDENTS

- Flying the flag for socialism again!
- In the best traditions of Sussex Marxists



South East Kent Trades Union Council

"Cast off the chains that bind you. For we are many and they are few!"

Socialist greetings to trade unionists everywhere!

"if you fight you may win but if you don't fight you will lose"

Bob Crow, RMT

May Day greetings from BRIGHTON AND HOVE SOCIALIST PARTY

- Campaigning for an end to poverty and injustice
- Fighting for the liberation of humanity from class society
- For a socialist planet!



BRIGHTON UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRE LTD brings May Day greetings to all those fighting poverty, racism, imperialism and oppression

Oppose all benefit cuts and attacks on the employed and unemployed

- We say:
- Oppose all attacks on claimants, disabled people and the low-paid
 - No to privatisation and PFI
 - No to imperialism's wars
 - Fighting poverty amidst plenty
 - FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM!

Bill North - chairperson; Andy Richards - secretary; Tony Greenstein - treasurer
4 Crestway Parade, The Crestway, Brighton BN1 7BL; 01273 540 717

Greetings and solidarity from MEDWAY TRADES UNION COUNCIL

- No to austerity, end the pay cap and defend our NHS!



Wales May Day march & rally
SATURDAY 5 MAY

Bring Public Services Back In House
£10 Minimum wage NOW!

Assemble 12.00 noon
Queen Street/Churchill Way
Cardiff

Speakers include:
Sean Hoyle (President, RMT)
Katrine Williams (Chair, PCS Wales)
Mairead Canavan (Vale of Glamorgan NEU)

SWANSEA AND DISTRICT NUJ standing up for journalism



UNDEB Y NEWYDDIADURWYR
ABERTAW
yn sefyll yn gefn i newyddiaduraeth

- For action to end cuts and outsourcing

May Day greetings from SWANSEA TRADES COUNCIL



SOCIALIST PARTY SOUTHERN REGION

Socialist solidarity to workers and youth across the world fighting war, poverty, racism and inequality! For a socialist world!



- From Socialist Party branches in Aylesbury, Oxford, Bracknell, Reading, Staines, Basingstoke, Portsmouth and Southampton



Revolutionary greetings to socialists across the world
Forward to a mass CWI!

Cyfarchion chwyldroadol i sosialwyr ar draws y byd
Ymlaen at CWI torfol !



Continue the fight to oppose all council cuts! Whoever makes them! Wherever they're made!

RE-ELECT KEITH MORRELL, COXFORD WARD, SOUTHAMPTON, 3 MAY



- Re-open Kentish Road Respite Centre, full-time, fully funded, fully staffed by SCC!

Smash the Tory pay freeze! Back the fight for £10 an hour now!



FROM SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS
AT THE UNISON RALLY IN RUNNYMEDE, SURREY

- Home of Tory Chancellor Philip "Cuts" Hammond! Tories out 2018!

TOWNSEND PRODUCTIONS

May Day greetings to all from the theatre company that has been touring We Are the Lions, Mr Manager - the inspirational story of Jayaben Desai and the Grunwick strike: the struggle for dignity and respect for all workers - the fight goes on!

See it in May at Coventry, Manchester, Chesterfield, London, Hertford, Brentford and at the Brighton Festival.

Look out for new productions in 2018-19: The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists and Mary Macarthur and the Chainmakers Strike.

SOCIALIST STUDENTS AT SOUTHAMPTON, PORTSMOUTH, OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITIES

- UCU strike shows how to fight austerity!
- Build the fight for coordinated strike action to end cuts, student debt, pensions attacks and pay freeze!
- International solidarity with all fighting to defend education!



BRACKNELL UNITE MEMBERS
send May Day greetings to socialists everywhere!

MAY DAY
2018
East Midlands
Socialist Party

UNITE
AND
FIGHT

Chesterfield, Derby, Leicester, Lincolnshire,
Mansfield, Northamptonshire, Nottingham

#weareallchatsworth
SAVE THE
NHS

May Day greetings from #WeAreAllChatsworth who successfully prevented the closure of Chatsworth ward in Mansfield together with the unwavering support of the Socialist Party!

Greetings from members of the
**SAVE
GLENFIELD
CHILDREN'S
HEART CENTRE**
steering committee

■ Our victory shows if you fight you can win!

■ Now let's turn our attention to saving the NHS - no cuts, no privatisation!

You can imprison people, but you can never imprison ideas.

Socialist May Day greetings to trade unionists and socialists around the world from

CHRIS FERNANDEZ

Prisoner A5447ED, E wing, HMP Nottingham, England

May Day Greetings from
SOCIALIST PARTY
MEMBERS IN
LEICESTER PCS

pcs

socialist students

May Day greetings from
**UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER
SOCIALIST STUDENTS**

■ Solidarity greetings from
**SOCIALISTS ORGANISED
IN UNITE THROUGHOUT
THE EAST MIDLANDS**

■ An injury to one is an injury to all. Link the struggles - fight back together!

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the UNION

**SOCIALISTS IN EAST
MIDLANDS UNISON**

send May Day greetings to all workers and their families. Join our struggle for a fighting, democratic union.

UNISON

LINCOLN

socialist students



Proud to have supported victorious campaigns against closure of Chatsworth Neuro-rehabilitation Unit at Mansfield Community Hospital and East Midlands Congenital Heart Surgery Unit at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester

**END ALL CUTS,
OUTSOURCING AND PFIs**
PATIENTS BEFORE PROFITS!

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM **UNITE EM/NG32**
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH BRANCH
TO ALL FIGHTING TO SAVE OUR NHS

unite
in HEALTH

I can't move mountains for you, but we can climb them together.

BAKERS FOOD AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION
BFAWU

SOLIDARITY FROM BFAWU
REGION 3, MIDLANDS

May Day greetings from

**LONDON
ENGINEERING
BRANCH**

**We demand socialism,
equality and an end to
political enslavement
of the working class**

RMT

photo Paul Mattsson

**HILLINGDON TUC**
Comradely greetings to readers of the Socialist

**NORTH LONDON**

May Day greetings to the Socialist from
WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL
Socialist Party members and supporters

- For dignity and respect for health workers and health service users!
- For an end to cuts, bullying and speed-ups in our hospitals!
- No to fake pay offers: force the Tories and their big business mates to pay real increases to all NHS workers!
- Take the wealth off the 1%: place the monopolies, banks and health services under planned democratic control!
- Kick big business out of our NHS!

**HILLINGDON**

**RMT CAMDEN No 3**
No to DOO
No to 'transformation' (£5.2bn cuts) on TfL/London Underground
Workers of all countries unite

Internationalist greetings from
**WEST LONDON**

- Rehouse Grenfell survivors immediately!
- Take over empty properties
- Use the £300 million RBKC stash
- Jail the killers!
- For an independent working class inquiry
- Safe housing for all!
- No safety - no rent

May Day greetings to workers of the world from
HACKNEY COUNCIL WORKERS
Victory to all workers in struggle! No to luxury tower blocks: build at least 200,000 council homes a year!

■ Peter Coleman - Unison private sector	■ Brian Debus - Unison branch chair
■ Clementina Anya - Unison libraries	■ Yemi Egunla - Unison steward, housing with care
■ Martin Cootes - Unison admin	■ Lee Ray - GMB branch secretary
■ Margret Sinn - Unison libraries	■ Thelma Decker - Unison
■ Steve Edwards - Unite branch secretary	■ Ger Mason - Unison
■ Norman Sagers - adults' and childrens' services convenor	■ Sonia Banham - Unison
■ Dionne Thompson - Unison joint education convenor	■ Sharmila Thyagarajan - Unison
■ Marvin Hay - Unison joint branch secretary	■ Sandra Hall - Hackney Teachers' Association joint secretary
■ Osei Mensah - libraries	■ Karen Lynn - Unison joint branch secretary
	■ Mathew Paul - Unison housing steward

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**HACKNEY**

**AFC MILITANT**
Reigning CWI World Cup champions
Fancy a game? Get in touch!
paulcallanan@socialistparty.org.uk

TUSC AGAINST CUTS

May Day greetings from
WALTHAM FOREST TUSC

Vote TUSC ■ Save our square! ■ No cuts!
We need good jobs, council homes and fully funded, decent public services
And we can't wait for a general election in 2022 - life is too hard now!

Promoted by Kevin Parslow, c/o 8 Bakers Almshouses, Leabridge Road, London E10 7EF, on behalf of TUSC candidates in Waltham Forest

**KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**
Justice for cleaners
Solidarity with staff

**GOLDSMITHS**

UNITE LONDON PRINT BRANCH
sends May Day greetings to all in struggle

Mind the gap - she does!
50 years since Dagenham - still fighting for equal pay!

**LAMBETH AND SOUTH WEST LONDON**
Campaigning for socialism around the world
Commemorating Lorraine Dardis 1965-2018

**LEWISHAM AND SOUTHWARK**
sends May Day greetings to all fellow socialists throughout the world
Never before has there been such a need for socialist planning to end the chaos of rampant capitalism

UNITE GREENWICH
1/2050 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRANCH
Still fighting austerity, still fighting for no-cuts needs budgets
May Day greetings to all readers of the Socialist


Waltham Forest Trades Council
sends May Day greetings to workers fighting back across the world. We say:

- Decent homes for all!
- Scrap the pay cap!
- Defend the NHS!
- Repeal the anti-union laws!
- Don't let the racists divide us!

**TOWER HAMLETS**

**GREENWICH AND BEXLEY TUC**
Fight racism!
Fight austerity!

**GREENWICH**

**LONDON SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS**
For decent education, not exam factories
Addey and Stanhope School, Candi College, Wanstead Sixth Form, Woodhouse College

**WALTHAM FOREST**

May Day greetings from
WALTHAM FOREST SAVE OUR SQUARE


**NEWHAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**
NEU (NUT SECTION)

**EAST LONDON**

**AVENUE SCHOOL NEU STAFF AND PARENTS**
send May Day greetings to all those fighting against academisation/privatisation!

**NEWHAM TRADES COUNCIL**
Socialist May Day greetings!
No to academisation of Newham's schools.
Stop the privatisation of our children's education. Bring all Newham's schools back into local authority control.
End slum private housing. Cap rents, reintroduce social rents. Build thousands of council homes to end Newham's housing crisis and provide decent living conditions.
Defend our public services. Stop local authority and public transport privatisation and cuts.

Unite LE1111 – Housing Workers Branch

May Day greetings

2018



Justice in the workplace and beyond

Opposing prejudice and discrimination

For equality, fair treatment and

transgender rights