



socialism 2009

A weekend of socialist discussion & debate hosted by the Socialist Party

Registration for Socialism 2009 opens at 12.30pm on Saturday 7 November at the University of London Union building (ULU), Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY. Daytime sessions will all take place in ULU. The Rally for Socialism, one of the highlights of Socialism 2009, will take place from 6-8:30pm on Saturday 7 November at Euston Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ.

The closing rally of Socialism 2009 will take place from 3-4:30pm on Sunday 8 November at Euston Friends Meeting House. For more details check out:

socialism2009.net

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2-4.30pm			
Course	Session	Speakers include	Format
Capitalism in crisis	Marx was right: the roots of the current economic crisis Room 3E	Lynn Walsh, editor of <i>Socialism Today</i>	Intro & discussion
Britain after the general election	Is Cameron another Thatcher? How can we defeat a Tory government? Room 3A	Alec Thraves, Socialist Party Wales & Tony Mulhearn, Liverpool City councillor 1984-87, president Lpl DLP 1979-85	Intro & discussion
How do we defeat the far right?	Why does racism exist? Room 3D	Hugo Pierre, Socialist Party Black and Asian group	Intro & discussion
Iran in revolt	1979 revolution: why did it end in Islamic dictatorship? Malet Malet	Bob Labl, Committee for a Workers' International	Intro & discussion
For fighting democratic trade unions	Building a mass shop stewards' movement. The role of the NSSN Room 3C	Rob Williams, Linamar Unite convenor & Linda Taaffe, secretary National Shop Stewards Network (both pc)	Intro & discussion
Marxism in the 21st century	Introducing Marxist economics Room 2D	Hugh Caffrey, secretary Socialist Party North West region	Question & answer
Asia in turmoil	Afghanistan: when will the occupation end? Room 3B	Nick Chaffey, secretary Socialist Party Southern region & a representative of <i>Military Families Against the War</i>	Intro & discussion
1989: consequences & lessons of the fall of the Berlin wall	Why did Stalinism collapse in the Soviet Union? What are the consequences? Room 101	Peter Taaffe, general secretary of the Socialist Party	Intro & discussion
Young people: the fight for a future	Youth Fight for Jobs Upper Hall	Ben Robinson, Youth Fight for Jobs and Tracy Edwards, PCS youth organiser (pc)	Intro & discussion
Women and socialism	Are socialists feminists? Room 2E	Jane James, Socialist Party executive committee	Interactive
Other sessions	Socialist planning: could it save the planet? Room 2C	Pete Dickinson, author of <i>Planning Green Growth</i> and a Vestas worker	Interactive
50 years since the Cuban revolution	Che: symbol of struggle Room 2B	Tom Baldwin, Socialism 2009 coordinator	Intro & discussion
Introducing socialism	What is socialism? Room 2A	Jim Thomson, Socialist Party national committee	Interactive
Other sessions	40 years since Stonewall: has LGBT liberation been achieved? Bloomsbury Suite	Greg Randall, Socialist Party LGBT group convenor	Intro & discussion

RALLY FOR SOCIALISM

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 6PM

Speakers to include:

BOB CROW GENERAL SECRETARY RMT	PETER TAAFFE SOCIALIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY
BRIAN CATON GENERAL SECRETARY POA	JOE HIGGINS SOCIALIST PARTY MEP
MATT WRACK GENERAL SECRETARY FBV	
TRACY EDWARDS YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS	
KEITH GIBSON MEMBER OF THE LINDSEY STRIKE COMMITTEE	

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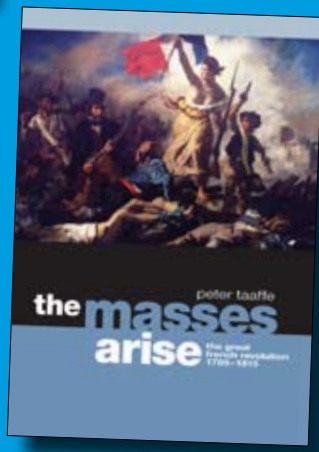
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SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 10am-12noon			
Course	Session	Speakers include	Format
Capitalism in crisis	Forum: After the meltdown - what will the recovery look like? Room 3E	Lynn Walsh, editor of <i>Socialism Today</i> and capitalist economists.	Intro & discussion
Britain after the general election	The battle to defend public services Room 3A	Roger Bannister, Union NEC and Onay Kasab, Defend the Four (both in personal capacity)	Intro & discussion
How do we defeat the far right?	How to defeat the BNP? Room 3D	Dave Reid, secretary Socialist Party Wales	Intro & discussion
Iran in revolt	Will the regime be overthrown? Malet Room	Judy Belshon, editor of <i>The Socialist</i>	Intro & discussion
For fighting democratic trade unions	Fighting witch-hunts. Can right-wing led unions change? Experiences of PCS & Unison Room 3C	Chris Baugh, PCS assistant general secretary and Glen Kelly, Defend the Four (both in personal capacity)	Intro & discussion
Marxism in the 21st century	A Marxist approach to history Room 2D	Sean Figg, secretary Socialist Party South East	Question & answer
Asia in turmoil	Sri Lanka: the nightmare continues Room 3B	Senan, Tamil Solidarity international coordinator	Intro & discussion
1989: consequences & lessons of the fall of the Berlin wall	Germany: could the working class have taken power? Room 101	Bob Labl, Committee for a Workers' International	Intro & discussion
Young people: the fight for a future	The crisis in education Room 2C	Matt Dobson, convenor of Socialist Students	Intro & discussion
Women and socialism	What are the origins of women's oppression? Room 2E	Eleanor Donne, Socialist Women	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	In defence of Leon Trotsky Upper Hall	Peter Taaffe, general secretary of the Socialist Party	Intro & discussion
50 years since the Cuban revolution	Forum: where now for Cuba? Room 2B	Bernard Regan, Cuban Solidarity Campaign & Tony Saunols, secretary, Committee for a Workers' International	Forum
Introducing socialism	Does the working class still exist? Does it have the power to change the world? Room 2A	Alistair Tice, secretary of Socialist Party Yorkshire	Question & answer
Other sessions	What would a socialist budget look like? Bloomsbury suite	Jared Wood, Socialist Party national committee	Interactive

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1-3pm			
Course	Session	Speakers include	Format
Capitalism in crisis	The case for socialism: how a democratic planned economy could work Room 3E	Hannah Sell, deputy general secretary of the Socialist Party	Intro & discussion
Britain after the general election	Forum: How can the crisis in working class political representation be solved? Room 101	Dave Nellist, Socialist Party cllr, Alex Gordon, RMT, Romayne Phoenix, Green councillor, Respect, LRC, SWP	Forum
How do we defeat the far right?	Lessons of the battle to defeat the NF in the 1970s Room 3D	Steve Score, secretary Socialist Party East Midlands	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	Workers' struggle in South Africa Room 2A	April Ashley, Black Members rep on Unison NEC (personal capacity)	Intro & discussion
For fighting democratic trade unions	Lessons of Lindsey: what the construction workers' struggle is really about Room 3C	Bill Mullins, Socialist Party industrial organiser and Keith Gibson, member of Lindsey strike committee	Intro & discussion
Marxism in the 21st century	Introducing Marxist philosophy Room 2D	Robin Clapp, secretary Socialist Party South West region	Intro & discussion
1989: consequences & lessons of the fall of the Berlin wall	What happened to the USSR? Room 3A	Clare Doyle, Committee for a Workers' International	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	Darwinism in the modern era Room 3B	Roy Farrar, Socialist Party national committee	Intro & discussion
Introducing socialism	Why USSR wasn't socialist; how democracy would work under socialism Bloomsbury Suite	Paula Mitchell, secretary Socialist Party London	Interactive
Women and socialism	What will a Tory government mean for women? Room 2E	Sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialist Party women	Intro & discussion
50 years since the Cuban revolution	Prospects for Latin American left governments - Venezuela, Bolivia, Honduras Upper Hall	Tony Saunols, Committee for a Workers' International and representative, <i>Bolivian Solidarity campaign</i>	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	Why do socialists say No2EU? Room 2B	Clive Heemskerk, <i>Socialism Today</i>	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	Where now for the Left Party? Malet Room	Stephan Kimmerle, secretary Committee for a Workers' International	Intro & discussion
Other sessions	Ireland & the national question: 40 years since the Troubles began; is there lasting peace? 2C	Niall Mulholland, Committee for a Workers' International	Interactive

CLOSING RALLY 2009 - THE FIGHTBACK BEGINS

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 3PM

Speakers to include:

ROB WILLIAMS RE-INSTATED CONVENOR, LINAMAR CAR COMPONENTS PLANT (PC)	DAVE NELLIST CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW WORKERS' PARTY	MARK SMITH VESTAS STRUGGLES
VISTEON OCCUPATION REPRESENTATIVE	SEAN FIGG YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS	JOHN DENTON CWU LONDON REGIONAL SECRETARY
	HANNAH SELL SOCIALIST PARTY DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY	



First time at Socialism?

This will be a short introduction to the running of the weekend, to give you a chance to ask questions and help make sure you get the most possible out of the weekend. There is an introduction session for people at their first Socialism event at 1.30-2pm in Room 101 in ULU on Saturday 7 November.



Join the socialists!

For all those who are interested in joining the Socialist Party come to the informal question and answer session at 12 noon on Sunday 8 November, Room 2D, ULU.



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- One day only £15 waged or £7 unwaged/low wage
- Rally for Socialism only £5
- Closing rally only £2 special offer for striking postal workers