

(When Trump comes to Britain)

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heresa May's sycophantic love-in with Donald Trump has been greeted with revulsion, anger and, most importantly, with a determination to fight back.

As the disgusting and racist US 'Muslim ban' has come into effect, protests called at less than 48 hours' notice have numbered in the tens of thousands across the UK. These followed on from the huge mobilisations that took place to mark Trump's inauguration, including the global 'women's marches'.

Across Britain working class and young people feel a tremendous sense of solidarity with the millions of Americans who are taking the fight to this billionaires' president, as well as with all those who are being victimised by his vile reactionary policies.

Build a movement

On 20 January, the day Trump was sworn-in, Socialist Students in America and the UK teamed up with the Sindicato de Estudiantes (students unions) in Mexico and Spain to call an international day of protest. In America, students walked out of their classes and took to the streets. Here in the UK, thousands joined protests in solidarity with those fighting back in America.

Now, the growing groundswell of opposition to Trump must continue to be built. As well as continuing the mobilisations and demanding the cancellation of the president's 'state visit', we must also prepare to give him one hell of a welcome party if and when he does arrive.

During the movement against the Iraq war, school, college and university students organised walkouts for 'Day X', the day the war started. In a similar way, we need to put Trump and May on a notice.

Socialist Students says 2017's 'Day X' must be whenever this racist, sexist billionaire sets foot in Britain. We need to prepare now for mass walkouts from our schools, colleges and universities whenever he arrives in the UK.

Fight the 1%

And this protest, like all those organised against Trump so far, must have as its target not just the US president, but all the political representatives of the rich 1% - including those who are closer to home.

The picture of May hand in hand with Trump neatly summarised her real, class loyalties. While she might be less 'extreme' or 'Maverick' than Trump, fundamentally, she represents the billionaires too.

But neither can we trust the pro-austerity, capitalist politicians who are now cynically attempting to present themselves as leaders in the fight against Trump. We have to be tough on Trumpism and tough on its causes.

It was Hilary Clinton's profound failure to offer anything except a continuation of the status quo—capitalist crisis, declining living standards, low pay and insecurity—that allowed the space for a billionaire misogynist to pose as 'anti-establishment'.

Socialism

Instead, it will be politics that offers genuine hope – that stands for a society run in the interests of the 99% not the tiny rich few – that has the potential to cut across the poison and division offered by the right. That's why had Bernie Sanders – a self-proclaimed democratic socialist – been the candidate to take on Trump, polls show he would have won.

So now, our task is not only to help a mass movement against Trumpism, racism and austerity, but to link this with the need to fight for socialist change. If you want to be part of the fight to transform society in the interests of the majority, join us, get involved and help us to build the fightback today.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Text 'join' plus your name and school/college/uni to 07749379010 and we'll put you in touch with a local organiser who can help you campaign 2. Organise a meeting in your school/college/uni to discuss the fight against Trump and start organising some action 3. Use a 'pledge sheet' to collect the names of people who are willing to take part in a protest or walk-out against Trump 4. Create a whatsapp group for people who want to take part in and organise the protests.

5. Invite people to a 'day X walk-out' FB event

6. Get in touch so we can help get you leaflets, posters and any other material you need