

# CELEBRATE MAY DAY

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May Day Greetings to  
The Socialist  
From the  
six Socialist Party members of the PCS  
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**Fighting for jobs, pay and  
conditions for our members  
and for quality public  
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**Strike together,  
win together!**

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greetings  
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**I**NTERNATIONAL WORKERS' Day, 1 May, has since the late nineteenth century been a day to celebrate solidarity between workers, the unemployed, young people and all those who oppose the suffering of the majority from exploitation and poverty.

*The Socialist* prints May Day greetings every year to show the range of people who are actively campaigning to stop ordinary people having to suffer for the policies of the rich. This includes campaigns against attacks on jobs, working conditions, pay, pensions, and for affordable housing and decent public services, as well as many other issues.

With no glimpse of 'green shoots' of recovery for the British or global economy, *The Socialist* gives an analysis of what is happening while putting forward a fighting programme.

This has included coverage of the Lindsey refinery construction workers' strike, the victory of which cut across the use of EU labour laws to attack nationally agreed pay rates and terms. *The Socialist* was almost alone in reporting the true demands of the strike, while mainstream media portrayed the dispute falsely as British workers opposing foreign workers.

*The Socialist* will continue to cover progress of the National Shop Stewards' Network, which is bringing together trade union activists to rebuild the grassroots network of the British trade union movement. The National Shop Stewards' Network, for example, has hosted a national car workers' conference to help organise against jobs haemorrhaging in the car, ancillary and supplier industries.

Gordon Brown tried to take credit as Chancellor for the boom years, but now denies fault for the recession in Britain by blaming the international economy. His New Year speech stated that "an old era of unbridled free-market dogma was finally ushered out" in 2008, but if he is really against that "dogma" how come his government is attempting to sell off the Royal Mail?

*The Socialist* will continue to oppose all privatisation, and the logic of the market being brought further in to the running of education, healthcare, public housing and other public services. The paper promotes the alternative of public ownership with democratic control, rather than New Labour's version of nationalisation to bail out big business crooks.

### **Youth Fight for Jobs**

In 2008, unemployment among young people in Britain rose above 16%, with over 800,000 16-24 year olds not in work or education by the end of the year. *The Socialist* is reporting on the Youth Fight for Jobs campaign, including its march to the G20 summit in London on Thursday 2 April. Youth Fight for Jobs opposes the government's use of cheap labour apprenticeships paying below the minimum wage, and campaigns for a minimum wage of £8 an hour for all, combined with a government programme for public infrastructure to create employment.

*The Socialist* is an internationalist paper, reporting on struggles of workers and young people from across the world. So far in 2009 this has included the defence of people in Gaza against the Israeli military, while also reporting action taken by workers inside Israel against its warmongering government. *The Socialist* has reported on the work of the United Socialist Party in Sri Lanka, which is almost alone in working to unite Sinhala and Tamil workers to oppose war, terror and communalist division.

*The Socialist* appeals to you for a greeting from your workplace, trade union branch, students' society, campaign or community group to help to show on May Day 2009 the range and strength of people who refuse to suffer for the failed policies of big business. This will also help *The Socialist* to continue reporting the viewpoint of people in struggle. *The Socialist* has no rich backers or big business advertising funding, so relies on the funding of its readers and supporters. Please support *The Socialist* in 2009 with a May Day greeting.

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