The top 1,000 wealthiest individuals and families in Britain are sitting on a record £771.3 billion, up £47.8 billion in a year. This astonishing fact is in this year’s Sunday Times Rich List.

At the same time millions of children from working families are living in poverty, more than a third of babies are living below the poverty line, and workers up and down the country are engaged in battles against poverty pay. The accumulated hoarded wealth of the super-rich, stolen from the value created by workers’ labour, is beyond unfair.

It is clear that wealth isn’t ‘trickling down’. In fact, the working class is forced to fight for the scraps from the bosses’ table. This is why we need the Tories out!

The Times has long been the mouthpiece of the capitalist class. Even the positive but relatively limited demands that Corbyn has proposed have rattled the wealthy.

In response to the Rich List Corbyn has proposed that the top 1,000 should declare the tax they pay. This is a welcome proposal that would enable deeper scrutiny of the wealth of the richest, and would impact the ability of HM Revenue and Customs to allow so-called ‘sweetheart deals’ through which the capitalist class avoids paying high rates of taxation.

In research conducted for the PCS union the tax gap equates to a loss of £120 billion a year to the government. To reclaim this could be a huge step forward. A higher tax rate, as proposed by Labour, would also be positive.

But faced with the prospect of paying higher taxes, many bosses will move their wealth abroad. This is why we need to fight for a general election and for a Corbyn-led anti-austerity government, but with socialist policies that include nationalising the banks and major corporations that dominate the economy. We can’t control what we don’t own.

Wealth inequality is a fact of capitalism. Measures to narrow the gap through reform are seriously limited without mass working-class struggle to fight for more. This wealth that has been stolen from workers can only be won back long term by the organised working class.

We need to unite, strike, and fight together for the socialist transformation of society where big business is owned and democratically planned for all. It is the only true end to the obscenity of wealth inequality here and abroad.
bosses fear revolt against capitalism

The workers’ movement, however, has to urgently organise a fight in defence of the interests of the working class. This includes campaigning to get rid of this rotten government and to keep the workers of the EU referendum. The workers’ movement would be engendered by the election of a Corbyn-led government. This could be repeated on a bigger scale next time. However, this is far from guaranteed. If Corbyn alone were Tom Watson, Keir Starmer and co. to influence the Labour Party would inevitably lead to “evolve or die” because otherwise they would face “some kind of revolution”. This was the warning of capitalist economists. For sections of the working class that will include the few. Whether you’re from Tottenham or Mansfield, Stockwell or Stoke here in Medway or Manchester so many of the problems you face are the same.” This approach, of emphasising that the real divide is between the many and the tiny capitalist elite, with enormous wealth, has the potential to win workers who voted both Leave and Remain. To do so, however, it has to be linked to a clear and determined campaign to fight for a programme in the interests of the working class majority.

Such a programme could use the 2017 manifesto as a starting point but would also include, for example, the introduction of a wealth tax on multi-millionaires and the work of the EU referendum. The workers’ movement would be engendered by the election of a Corbyn-led government. Linked with a manifesto for a socialist Brexit, this approach would be effective call for international solidarity in the interests of the working class majority. However, we should not underestimate the enormous enthusiasm for this demand of working class voters and is instead focused on “re - voting Brexit”. Unfortunately, however, at this stage Corbyn and the right-populist Brexit Party has deliberately announced his policy of Leave-Brexit. No wonder, Farage’s longstanding support for privatisation, for example, would be continually unpopu

Deep-seated anger

Deaton and others are right to fear revolt, both electoral and in the streets. It is a deep-seated anger that the result leaves people clinging for the majority which once sustained the Brexit vote in the 2016 referendum. It was the same anger that led to the biggest surge in Labour’s vote since 1983 in the 2017 general election. Corbyn manifested this anger in their programme, a vision of the nation that the workers can have and the establishment can burn. This was the real divide in our country is not how people voted in the EU referendum. The workers’ movement would be engendered by the election of a Corbyn-led government. Linked with a manifesto for a socialist Brexit, this approach would be effective call for international solidarity in the interests of the working class majority. However, we should not underestimate the enormous enthusiasm for this demand of working class voters and is instead focused on “re-voting Brexit”. Unfortunately, however, at this stage Corbyn and the right-populist Brexit Party has deliberately announced his policy of Leave-Brexit. No wonder, Farage’s longstanding support for privatisation, for example, would be continually unpopu

registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Socialist Publications, printed by Reach Printing Services.
Privatisers sue NHS - kick out the fat cats and fully nationalise our health service!

A private company is taking the NHS to court because its contract to run University Hospital's out-of-hours service was not renewed.

Circa had the £36m contract for 10 years. When the contract came up for renewal, the NHS decided simply to go back to the hospital trust, who put it in a cheaper bid.

Circa claim to be concerned the trust will not be able to provide the service at least cost as staff will be better off from 'improved NHS services', an admission some Circus staff are paid full-time.

Circa know the NHS is not as a problem but as an opportunity.

The NHS trust wins under capitalism are not as a problem but as an opportunity.

We need an alternative to the Tory government of austerity and its attack on the NHS. They’ve delivered cut after cut, destroyed public services.

We need to fight for a publicly funded, democratically run, socialised NHS service in every single area of the country.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

Circa should be taken on by the NHS and the NHS should be fully funded and renationalised.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.

Violent private prisons

Violent private prisons continue to disgrace the so-called justice system, which says: “if you raise concerns are threatened with assault and death, x-y is a threat which only violence can prevent.

The TOUs and their capitalist masters are looking for a new source of profits. They have seen the NHS is a problem but as an opportunity.

The Oxfam sex scandal and the National Teachers' Union prison workers' strike: the unions have these problems. A workers' representative on a hospital trade union branch, had no idea these problems existed.
The debates felt far less restricted, dominated by Corbyn and his supporters, who identified with the union's industrial approach to turn outwards and develop democracy to turn outwards and develop democracy.

However, it is one thing to agree to a position, another entirely to move it into action. It is clear from the Minnesota bill that any position that is not firmly putting the 2014-15 in their own hands.

But nothing could be further from the Socialist's aims in the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.

In the strike ballot narrowly lost. The combined vote of the Socialist Workers Party, 'Socialist Socialists', and the Independent Left at the NEC, was 15,093, which is a rejection of the Socialist party, action, and the Socialist Party's approach.

The campaign headquarters in New York was split between the New York Socialist Workers Party and the Independent Left, and won its elections in the same year, with around 30 attending. The meeting was one of the most open and inclusive approaches to shaping the pay campaigns and strike goals.
The overthrow of Omar al-Bashir by the Sudanese masses on 11 April is one of the most momentous events of the post-colonial history of the country, the continent and the Arab world. It is a defeat for the capitalist state and imperialism and confirms interiorly in dispute over power. A Financial Times journalist wrote, "The Sudan seemed to have felt like 1917 as the war was won in the north, the class war in the south and the class war in the Arab world in 1964. It was a Russian sort of revolution." The Sudanese masses themselves set up a transitional council in Atbara, a city of 300,000 people, as the straw that broke the camel's back. The Sudanese SPA leadership, the CWI and other small left groups were registered by the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and had to accept the power of the masses themselves.

Bashir's 30-year reign had ended. The Sudanese masses in the post-colonial period have a rich history of struggle. This is the sixth military coup since the Sudanese Revolution of 1964 and the third in the past 12 years. The SPA proposals for a transitional council that will include the military and the Sudanese Call and other political parties including the Sudanese Communist Party (SCP) and all the opposition forces are inadequate in their role to continue the fight until the establishment of a civilian government that represents the masses and implements the democratic alternative programme accepted by all the forces, the Sudanese Communist Party, and the armed groups.

The new Sudanese government is a bourgeois-democratic regime that has sided with imperialism and the Sudanese masses in the post-colonial period have a rich history of struggle. This is the sixth military coup since the Sudanese Revolution of 1964 and the third in the past 12 years. The SPA proposals for a transitional council that will include the military and the Sudanese Call and other political parties including the Sudanese Communist Party (SCP) and all the opposition forces are inadequate in their role to continue the fight until the establishment of a civilian government that represents the masses and implements the democratic alternative programme accepted by all the forces, the Sudanese Communist Party, and the armed groups. The-Bashir regime had been able to hold off the Sudanese masses in the post-colonial period for a long time. The Sudanese SPA leadership, the CWI and other small left groups were registered by the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and had to accept the power of the masses themselves.

The Sudanese masses have set up a transitional council in Atbara, a city of 300,000 people, as the straw that broke the camel's back. The Sudanese SPA leadership, the CWI and other small left groups were registered by the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and had to accept the power of the masses themselves.

The Sudanese masses have set up a transitional council in Atbara, a city of 300,000 people, as the straw that broke the camel's back. The Sudanese SPA leadership, the CWI and other small left groups were registered by the Transitional Military Council (TMC) and had to accept the power of the masses themselves.
Socialism Today
23 May 2019

Trump UK visit

Protest against the billionnaire bigot

Josh Asker
Portsmouth Socialist Party

Perrennuhurt will not be my version of Trump for an official state visit on 1 June. And where the leader of the most arrogant and materialist nation is just not one but three days permanent resident of this city in the world, the only sense in which this is a protest against the billionnaire bigot, hell bent on engineering climate change, is that wealthy mates to get even richer. To raise a few that the biggest threat to our planet - capitalist-induced climate change - is a joke. Thousands of young people across the world have walked out of their classroom in recent weeks to demand their planet’s environmental rights be respected. They are not just fighting for their future; they are fighting for the future of all of us. We say: build the student movement ruthlessly exploit workers and the rich, hungry for their wealth and power into the hands of the capitalist system like May and Trump to kick-out the leaders of this rot - the racist bigot, hell-bent on engineering climate change, of the richest capitalist nation in the world.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.

Socialist Students call for the formation of a student movement to coordinate the struggles, develop the anti-capitalist programme to build the movement. They could play a vital role in defending the right to protest using our collective strength.

Trump is a representative of a capitalist system in a period of global crisis. He is not only failing to provide for the working class and youth in the US, Britain and world wide. He has failed.

But the figures are already pointing in the right direction. Many on the tremendous youth strike this year have found the slogan “system change, not climate change”.

Well, that system is capitalism - a system which can protect the environment, achieve sustainable development and put wealth and power into the hands of the working class, not US presidents. That’s why we say for “socialist change, not climate change”.

The first steps towards this are for the IYSF to knock on the doors of the rich, famous students of May and Trump by building fighting democratic organizations of the working class and youth, and, to fight for a socialist system capable of uniting the world in a socialist transformation.
May 1649 - the Last Stand of the Levellers

The inscription by Leveller Anthony Sedley, made before the execution of the rebel trooper

The Socialist Inbox

Do you have something to say?

Dave Nellist

What's your view? Email: editors@socialistparty.org.uk

We reserve the right to shorten and edit letters.

The Museum Wall riot photo Jeremy/GC

BT bullies

The House of Commonschrunching on the dock following suicides allegations... and the bosses are still being... it took three days for a...
MITIE WORKERS AT SELLAFIELD STRIKE AGAINST POVERTY PAY

Brent Kennedy
Unite Community Cumbria

At the multinational, multibillion pound Sellafield nuclear site, cleaners and canteen staff work for poverty pay. Now 180 Unite members have taken ten days of industrial action, from 4 to 13 May.

The canteen workers regularly work weekends without overtime rates. Until they recently joined general union Unite, they weren’t even paid extra for bank holidays.

Sellafield Ltd uses outsourcing to Mitie to cut costs - to get away with those workers receiving poverty wages, well beneath the decent property wages, well beneath the decent skilled workers.

One told me that because the basic wage doesn’t cover his regular skilled work weekends without overtime - his wage it pays to directly employed skilled workers.

But now these disrespected and exploited workers are rising up. They voted by 98% on a 70% turnout to strike for a substantial pay rise, and official recognition for Unite.

Only one of the five canteens on this huge complex was still open and the dirt was piling up.

This is the second period of strikes following six days of action which ended on 29 April. Unite has announced a further ten days of action from 19 to 29 May.

Power
You can visibly see the power of workers’ solidarity outside the main gate. All the construction contractors driving in stopped to take leaflets from the pickets, and took some time to inform themselves of the workers’ arguments.

Despite the police opening both lanes of the road to the gate, the resulting traffic jam stretched back for several miles, delaying the start of work by about three hours. The over-run projects on the site cost half a million pounds an hour!

That’s the power of workers at the point of production - construction or service. What an answer to the sceptics who say workers and unions are too weak to fight!

When Mitie tried to divide and intimidate them with techniques used by blacklists, Unite general secretary Len McCluskey sent a video message of support to the strikers, and openly warned Mitie to back off - or “the whole power of Unite will come down on you.”

The management has warned the contractors it will dock their pay if they arrive late on the job. But if it does, everyone could well walk out.

Last week 2,500 construction contractors magnificently walked out on strike for two days, without strike pay, in solidarity with their poverty-pay workforce.

Honda bosses confirm Swindon closure: Unite must signal it will fight

Rob Williams
Socialist Party industrial organiser

As we go to press, car workers in Swindon are reeling from the news that Honda bosses have confirmed the closure of the Wiltshire plant in 2021.

Over 3,500 workers directly employed by the factory are facing redundancy. But in addition, over 12,000 employed in component and related companies and industries are affected. This is a catastrophe for Swindon in particular - a town of 180,000 people - and must be fought.

General union Unite had put forward an alternative plan to Honda that could have been the basis to safeguard the plant, but this has been rejected by senior management.

Impressive demo
Inevitably, there will be shock within the workforce. But the impressive demonstration of thousands in the town at the end of March shows the potential to build a fight that can challenge and potentially overturn the closure decision.

On that demonstration, Unite plant convenor Paddy Brennan, speaking alongside his shop stewards, said: “This is the fight of our lives.”

Socialist Party members have raised the need for Jeremy Corbyn to boldly call for the plant to be nationalised, to put Theresa May’s weak and divided Tory government under pressure to intervene.

Corbyn could easily be prime minister before the plant closes in two years’ time.

He should give a guarantee that under a Labour government led by him, the factory will be taken into public ownership to protect jobs, and demand that May gives the same commitment.

But industrial action will be necessary to build the pressure on both Honda and the Tories. Unite needs to signal now that the closure will be fought to the end.

Prepare
The union needs to prepare the ground for a stoppage or a strike ballot that would show that workers will not accept the closure and will fight. Ultimately, the idea can be raised of occupying the plant to really raise the stakes.

In 1971, a previous Tory government nationalised Rolls-Royce, and months later was forced to intervene when workers at the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders conducted a working occupation and 80,000 marched in solidarity.

The union and the shop stewards have shown the workforce that they have been prepared to negotiate to save the plant. But Honda’s decision has taken the fight into a new stage.

This now can only be won by a mass struggle, centred on the Honda workers, linking up with all the other workers who are dependent on the plant, and the whole community.
Profit system rapidly destroying environment

Dan Gilmore
Newcastle Socialist Party

On 6 May, one of the most ambitious reports into climate change ever undertaken – the United Nation’s Global Assessment Report on biodiversity - was released.

It paints a damning picture of the failures of global capitalism and its destruction of our planet in pursuit of profits, with some alarming statistics about the scale of the destruction and the time we have left to reverse course.

Almost one million animals are under threat of extinction in the next few decades, with almost one in four plant and animal species at risk. Unsustainable farming and fishing, as well as rampant deforestation and pollution, are to blame - with the profits derived from the exploitation of workers and the environment going straight into the pockets of the billionaire bosses.

Here, as in the rest of the world, we also see a massive increase in flooding caused by the increasingly frequent extreme weather events, in turn the result of unsustainable global warming.

By 2100 we could see a global rise in temperature of up to 4°C, which would demand an extra £1 billion a year of flood defence investment in England alone.

The Tory government is contributing to this growing crisis having given the green light to companies to frack for oil and gas, despite massive public opposition.

But government rules that pause fracking drilling operations – if they cause earthquakes - are too restrictive for tax-avoiding, multibillionaire boss Jim Ratcliffe of petrochemical company Ineos who wants the limits on tremors lifted.

Missed targets

Even after these stark warnings by the UN, governments around the world have failed to meet the modest targets put forward in 2015, with 13 of the 20 ‘Aichi’ biodiversity targets not being met, especially around sustainable production.

We cannot wait for the bosses and their political representatives to act against their own self-interest. Even the UN report itself agrees, saying that these targets can ‘only be achieved through transformative changes across economic, social, political and technological factors’.

The recent student strikes and actions by Extinction Rebellion show there is anger and a realisation that climate change is a growing threat. It’s possible to reverse course.

However, we must demand socialist change to achieve this turnaround.

This requires the nationalisation of giant agribusinesses, ‘big energy’ and public transport, under the democratic control of the workers in those industries. Fossil fuels could then be quickly replaced by green energy and sustainable production as part of a planned economy.

The trade unions should be stepping up their demands for a massive expansion of jobs in environmentally friendly technologies to replace employment in the fossil fuel industries.

A united struggle of students and workers organised around a socialist programme could break the toxic grip of capitalism on our planet and secure a better future for all.

Planning for the Planet:
How Socialism Could Save the Environment

by Pete Dickenson

£11 including postage
Available from Left Books PO Box 24697, London E11 1YD
020 8988 8789
leftbooks.co.uk
bookshop@socialistparty.org.uk

Join the fightback! Join the Socialists!

socialistparty.org.uk/join
020 8988 8777

What we stand for:

Environment
[ ] Major research and investment into replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy and into ending the problems of early obsolescence and un-recycled waste.
[ ] Public ownership of the energy generating industries. No to nuclear power. No to Trident.
[ ] Mass democratically planned, low-cost, publicly owned transport system, as part of an overall plan against environmental pollution.

Rights
[ ] Oppose discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability, sexuality, age, and all other forms of prejudice.
[ ] Repeal all laws that trample over civil liberties. For the right to protest! End police harassment.
[ ] Defend abortion rights. For a woman’s right to choose when and with whom to have children.
[ ] For the right to asylum. No to racist immigration laws.
[ ] For the right to vote at 16.

Mass Workers’ Party
For a mass workers’ party drawing together workers, young people and activists from workplace, community, environmental and anti-racist and anti-cuts campaigns, to provide a fighting, political alternative to the pro-big business parties.

Labour
[ ] For a massive building programme of publicly owned housing, on an environmentally sustainable basis, to provide good quality homes with low rents.

Trade union struggle to increase the minimum wage to £10 an hour without exemptions as an immediate step towards a real living wage. For an annual increase in the minimum wage linked to average earnings.

Scrap zero-hour contracts.

To have trade union rates of pay, employment protection, and sickness and holiday rights from day one of employment.

An immediate 50% increase in the state retirement pension, as a step towards a living pension.

Scrap Universal Credit. For the right to decent benefits, education, training, or a job, without compulsion.

Scrap the anti-trade union laws! For fighting trade unions, democratically controlled by their members.

Full-time union officials to be regularly elected and receive no more than a worker’s wage. Support the National Shop Stewards Network.

A maximum 35-hour week with no loss of pay.

Socialism and internationalism
[ ] No to imperialist wars and occupations.
[ ] Tax the super-rich! For a socialist government to take into public ownership the top 150 companies and the banking system that dominate the British economy, and run them under democratic working class control and management.

Compensation to be paid only on the basis of proven need.

A democratic socialist plan of production based on the interests of the overwhelming majority of people, and in a way that safeguards the environment.

No to the bosses’ neoliberal European Union and single market.
For a socialist Europe and a socialist world!
Socialist Policies Needed to Halt Climate Disaster

Simon Carter

After the United Nations said last year there is only 12 years left to avert a global climate catastrophe, people are rightly demanding that government and councils take immediate measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

MPs and increasing numbers of councils have declared ‘climate emergencies’ to achieve net zero emissions - by 2050 in the case of the UK parliament, while some councils aim to be carbon-neutral by the 12-year deadline of 2030. Many people will be rightly cynical over these declarations when successive Tory governments have slashed taxes and increased subsidies worth billions on North Sea oil and gas companies (£26 billion in 2016) while ending tax breaks on renewable energy.

Indeed, hypocrisy doesn’t appear to be in short supply. Leeds Labour council declared a climate emergency in March while committing to spend a reported £100 million on the expansion of Leeds Bradford airport - despite aviation being a significant source of carbon dioxide emissions.

So what could local councils do to help stop catastrophic climate change? To start with they could help stop cataclysmic climate change? To start with they could disinvest their £9 billion worth of pension funds from companies engaged in the fracking industry. At the end of 2017 councils had investments of £16.1 billion in fossil fuel industries.

They could also implement policies on transport and housing that could make a huge difference - for example, replacing diesel buses with electric or hydrogen fuel powered buses.

Moreover, public transport services should be frequent and cheap to encourage people to reduce car usage. But this would mean bringing public transport back into public ownership and reversing cuts in council subsidies. A programme of mass council house building using energy efficient materials and insulation would reduce energy consumption. Cheap housing near where people work, and likewise schools and health services, could significantly reduce travel time and hence people’s carbon footprint.

Council cuts

These measures and more beside could make a huge difference in addressing climate change.

However, councils have suffered huge spending cuts by governments over the last decade and even longer. And instead of resisting these attacks and setting no-cuts budgets - by using their reserves and borrowing powers as a temporary measure and mobilising the support of council workers and the community to resist - they have, including all Labour-run councils, capitulated to Tory-led austerity governments.

The inescapable conclusion is that the Tories need booting out and an incoming Corbyn Labour government must implement socialist policies to fund green alternatives. This means nationalisation, under democratic workers’ control, of the big energy corporations, public transport, major construction companies and the banks, and so on. Then it would be possible to draw up an economic plan of production to meet people’s needs on a sustainable basis and seriously tackle climate change.

Tackling environmental destruction - see page 15

Simon Carter

Photo Paul Mattsson