Protests and action organised by young people. But alone it will not be enough to guarantee a decent future for young working-class people.

For young people, the fight is not over - it has only just begun. Even after the results U-turn, many students have already missed out on the courses or universities that they would have liked to study in. Some BTEC students haven’t even been given any results whatsoever.

The only solution to this chaos, where for many students attending university is still uncertain, is for a massive programme of government investment in the universities. This should give every student who wants to study access to a high-quality course of their own choosing.

And while they’re at it, they should scrap tuition fees and debts, and reverse all privatisation and marketisation on campuses as well!
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Support the Tower Hamlets council workers, vote for Hugo Pierro!

Hugo Pierro (pseudonymed), a Socialist Party member, candidate for Unison general secretary, and a local resident in Tower Hamlets, supports council workers in the east London borough, on strike against council plans to cut their hours and to engage them in low-wage and insecure work under privatisation and outsourcing.

The workers were taking their ninth day of strike action against the cuts in Labour council, says Hugo, who is focusing through the changes to long-standing agreements with the council.

The workers have no choice but to return to work.

According to the council, the cuts would reduce the budget. The council cuts would also increase the number of staff in low-wage and insecure work under privatisation and outsourcing.

The cuts would affect the poorest the most. They are set to close, putting 50 jobs at risk. The cuts would also affect disability services and the youth off-site service.

The council has cut £480 million from public services. This includes libraries and other services. The council has produced a plan to close 100 libraries and other services.
80th anniversary of Leon Trotsky’s assassination

A REVOLUTIONARY WHOSE IDEAS AND METHODS RETAIN THEIR VALIDITY

On 21 August 1940, the revolutionary socialist Leon Trotsky was murdered by a Stalinist agent. Along with Lenin, Trotsky had been the foremost leader of the October 1917 revolution in Russia. He was passionate about the victory of the world revolution and against the defeat one saw in his native country. He announced the beginning of the second world war as the beginning of the new revolution. He was assassinated by Stalin’s agents, which destroyed that revolution and crippled the international communist movement. The forces of genuine Marxism. That legacy has been taken up by the Socialist Party and is explained in a new book published by the Communist Workers’ International, a world socialist organisation which the Socialist Party is proud to publish extracts from the book’s introduction written by Tony Saunier, secretary of the CWI.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of Leon Trotsky’s assassination. His ideas and methods retain their validity. Indeed, the ideas and programmes in which Trotsky lived and worked are more relevant today than ever. The situation of the working class and the world capitalist system is more extreme than ever. The CWI has always been proud to defend and promote the ideas of Trotsky. This was why it published his works on an exact replica of the Russian soviet social party.org.uk

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80 years since the murder of Leon Trotsky: Can they kill his ideas?

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Leon Trotsky

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New book on Trotsky’s life and ideas is out now

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George Orwell first conceived of "exposing" what he called "the Soviet myth" with "a story that could be easily understood by almost anyone" in 1937. He had narrowly escaped Stalinism's murderous repression of his fellow revolutionaries in the dying days of the Spanish Civil War.

The result, published on 17 August 1945, was 'Animal Farm: A Fairy Story'. Orwell had finished it in February 1944, but no publisher wanted to touch it while British capitalism was still allied with Stalinism during World War II.

The advent of the Cold War made satires of the Soviet Union acceptable - even necessary - to the establishment. In fact, in 1950, the year Orwell died, Britain's Foreign Office adapted Animal Farm into a counter-revolutionary newspaper cartoon in Burma and Brazil. He would likely have been horrified.

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The animals abolish all the old inequalities and barare. As little by little, their revolutionaries are diluted, then betrayed. The novela leaves the working animals, hungry and brutalised once more, looking from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again; but already it is impossible to see the difference any longer.

As a satire of one of history's greatest treacheries, it still packs a punch. Each injustice is made all the more stinging by the innocent style of a children's story. The poignantness of the final betrayal of Boxer, the Rebellion's most self-sacrificing workhorse, is almost unbearable.

The excesses and absurdity of the Stalinist bureaucracy are often hilarious. And Orwell paints a perceptive picture of the political falsification (which reaches its apex in his next novel, 'Nineteen Eighty-Four') even receives its own chapter in the pigs' propaganda, Squealer.

Animal Farm is remarkable for how many parallels with real episodes and ideas it can draw from the word count. But that's not to say Orwel values no licence. Many key events in the book - from pigs taking over the manor and then civil war. And the defeat of revolutions in industrialised Europe left the fledging workers' state with- out help. As Trotsky explained in 'The Revolution Betrayed': "When there are enough goods in a store, the purchasers can come whenever they want to... When the lines are very long, it is necessary to appoint a policeman to keep order. Such is the start- ing point of the power of the Soviet bureaucracy."

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Trotsky never denied the need for armed rebellion. He had organised the Red Army. But what Orwell depicts here is Bolshevism's consistent internationalist outlook. Lenin and Trotsky explained that whatever the setbacks, this was the only way to complete the socialist revolution - and make it permanent. But the demoralising defeat of the first workers' revolutions bey- yond Russia led to hesitant outlooks among other Bolshevik leaders, such as Chicherin, as well as the notorious theory of 'socialism in one country,' a complete reversal of Trotsky's politics.

At the same time, the animals formed themselves into two factions under the slogans 'Vote for Snowball and the one-day week' and 'Vote for Napoleon and the full manger.' But why?

The Bolshevik government had its own form of 'workers' democracy'. But Russia's working class was over- whelmed in numbers by the peasant- ry, which sometimes had different economic needs and interests. Trotsky's supporters saw deve- loping industry - Animal Farm's windmill - as the way to satisfy peasants' needs and raise the general standard of living. This was in anticipa- tion of economic and social support from revolutions in advanced capitalistic countries.

But the bureaucracy crystallis- ing around Stalin, short-sighted and conservative, again resorted to stopgaps, placating top peasants by leaving them keep more and more wealth.

Orwell explained in a letter in De- cember 1946: "I mean that this kind of revolution (violent conspirato- rial revolution, led by unconsciously powerful hungry people) can only lead to a change of masters... I think the whole process was foreseeable... from the very nature of the Bolshevik Party. It is worth considering these accusations in turn.

First, violence. Orwell himself wrote in his 1941 manifesto for revolu- tion in Britain, 'The Lion and the Unicorn': 'in a strange way... it means a fundamental shift of power. Whether it happens with or without bloodshed is largely an accident of time and place.'

In fact, diligent organisation and overwhelming social weight can counter the power of 'accident'. This is why the October 1917 Petrograd insurrection was almost bloodless. But the workers and masses, grasping for a way out of war, poverty and oppression, did face violent opposition from the old elite both before and after. Orwell understood the need to fight back in those circum- stances, having done so in Catalonia.

Second, conspiracy. The Russian revolution was a mass movement, not some palace coup. The Bolsheviks came to lead it by arguing openly for their ideas, including in the workers' councils elected from below to coordinate that mass movement - the 'soviets'. Orwell mixes praise for workers' potential for power and democratic debate with some ambivalence about their capacity to control events. The animals do hold mass meetings to decide policy, but in practice are always subordinate to the clever pigs. Despite their power, therefore, Animal Farm quite wrongly deploys the workers as just too dense to resist Napoleon's abuses. "Several of them would have protested if they could have found the right arguments," Orwell means this as a warning, but it's hard not to feel some pessimism be- hind it too.

Third, that political degeneration was "foreseeable" in the "uncon- sciously power-hungry" Bolshevik Party. This is Orwell's fundamental error, running throughout Animal Farm. Stalinism's roots It suggests that Stalinism is inherent from the start due to some "original sin" in the psychology of Bolshevism. On the contrary, Lenin, Trotsky and thousands of workers Bol- sheviks fought - to the death in many cases - against encroaching bureaucr- acy and for workers' democracy.

But from the old, Animal Farm's pigs lost for power and material privilege - Snowball included. Orwell's 1946 let- ter also states that "the turning-point of the story was supposed to be when the pigs kept the milk and apples for themselves." This was during a time of peace and plenty on the farm.

In fact, bureaucratic privileges only developed over time and under conditions of war-torn scarcity. The best revolutionary, including Lenin and Trotsky, consistently stood for abolishing privileges of office.

What does explain the political decay of the Russian revolution? The landlords and capitalists had proven unable to bring Russia's economy and society fully into the 20th century. They dragged things back still further with years of imperialist war and then civil war. And the defeat of revolutions in industrialised Europe left the fledging workers' state with- out help. As Trotsky explained in 'The Revolution Betrayed': "When there are enough goods in a store, the purchasers can come whenever they want to... When the lines are very long, it is necessary to appoint a policeman to keep order. Such is the start- ing point of the power of the Soviet bureaucracy."

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Tory planning deregulation: a charter for building profitable slums

Paul Kershaw
North London Socialist Party

Under the slogan ‘build, build, build,’ the Tories have announced that the old system of urban planning is to be scrapped. This is supposed to make it easier to build homes. In fact, it will be easier to build profitable slums. Tory party funders will celebrate, but for the over one million house-holds on council housing waiting lists, the prospect of a decent home is more distant. Those living on council estates face an increasingly uncertain future.

The government claims that red tape is holding back builders from providing much needed homes. But 90% of applications for planning permission are approved in England. Consent has been granted for between 800,000 and one million new houses that remain unbuilt. Builders sit on land until the most profitable moment to build on it. They construct slowly; if they built as fast as possible oversupply would reduce prices.

It is not the planning system that stops more affordable homes being built; it is the profit-maximising housebuilders, and the lack of grant-funded social house building.

Developers can make a killing simply by getting ‘planning permission’. Land values can increase 275 times over once a developer gets permission. Since 1947, when the Labour government set up the current planning system, there have been attempts to capture some ‘planning gain’ for the state. For example, in recent years much of the small amount of social housing produced has resulted from ‘Section 106’ planning agreements squeezing more affordable homes from developers, rather than through grant funding as in the past.

This is a hopelessly inadequate ‘crumbs-off-the-table’ way of providing social rented housing. In the financial year to April 2019, just 6,287 new social rent homes were delivered while 23,740 were sold or demolished.

But the abolition of Section 106 in the new system and its replacement by a weaker regime means no crumbs!

**Poor quality**

A new system of zones, and a nationally set ‘community infrastructure levy’ (CIL), which already seems to have exceptions and room for loopholes, will replace the current system. In a zone designated for ‘growth’, outline permission would be automatically granted for the type of development set out in the plan. Council estates could be designate-ed as areas for ‘growth’, and then be vulnerable to comprehensive redevelopment without democratic input from the community.

Developers have long been circling social housing estates in the hope of making a killing. Around 131,000 tenants and leaseholders have been displaced by council estate demolition in London since 1997.

A recent report published by the government showed that office-to-housing conversions under ‘Permit- ted Development Rights’, a system recently introduced by the Tories, delivers “worst quality residential environments than planning permission conversions in relation to a number of factors widely linked to the health, well-being and quality of life of future occupants.”

Its analysis found that just 22.1% of the homes delivered meet national space standards. The report stated: “New legislation coming in from 1 September gives more flexibility to developers - hardly ‘evidence based’ according to the lessons of the pandemic!”

Even an all-party parliamentary select committee on housing noted that the coronavirus pandemic “has exposed our broken housing system.” Families in overcrowded homes faced “worse health outcomes”, and private renters were struggling to meet costs. Aware of the social crisis brewing, and slightly more far sighted than the government, it argues for a large social housing programme which would boost jobs and the economy.

But the current government is craven in its support for the property lobby. Housing minister Robert Jenrick recently moved to save Tory donor, former porn mogul and Daily Express owner Richard Desmond millions of pounds by overturning Tower Hamlets council’s demands for a community levy.

In the past, Labour favoured nationalising development land, but did not actually act on this. If land was nationalised to end speculation, along with the banks and the big builders, it would be possible to rapidly build the high-quality homes that the pandemic has shown are urgently needed. Instead of unemployment figures rocketing, workers could be put to work ending the housing emergency.

Nottingham: oppose the far right and attempts to divide us

**Jobs, homes and services - not racism**

Nottingham Socialist Party Member

A far-right group, the British Street Commandos (BSC), and a group under the slogan Justice for All, including participants with far-right links, are proposing to hold an event in Nottingham on Saturday 22 August.

The two groups claim to be for all, but are divisive and far-right led or influenced. The BSC is using the slogan “All Lives Matter”.

The other group is calling its march and motorbike ride with publicity mentioning veteran mental health and children’s wellbeing. However, the organiser appears to be linked to the SFU (the so-called Democratic Football Lads Alliance), and the far-right Yorkshire Patriots say they are coming.

Local Party members have been instrumental in the decision of the local trades union council to call a counter-protest to show our opposition. We want to stop the far right rallying in Nottingham.

The far right tries to create divisions among working-class people. In the past they have used the lie, for example, that child grooming is mainly down to ‘Asian gangs’.

Some workers, alienated by the Tory government and Nottingham Labour council cuts in services and jobs, could be taken in by these divisive organisations.

That is why we have pushed for the material produced to publicise the counter-protest to include the slogan on the trades union council banner of “jobs and services - not racism”, and “unity is strength”.

Covid-19 has shown the results of cuts and privatisation. Nottingham City Council is now going for 500 voluntary redundancies and over 150 job cuts on top of the estimated 1,000 jobs or more that have gone in the past years. The anti-racist movement needs to deal with this issue.

Trade unions and socialists stand for workers’ rights and an end to all exploitation. We support the inspir-ing Black Lives Matter movement. We supported the council trade unions’ protest against cuts on Wednes-day 19 August in the Market Square. The rich and powerful use any-thing they can to divide and weaken working people.

Racist and far-right movements strengthen big business by trying to divide working-class communities. They must be stopped, and a pow-erful movement built to end racism and the system that breeds it.

Big business and the super-rich should pay for the crisis - not work-ers, their families and young people.

Build a united struggle for jobs, homes and a future for all, and for a socialist alternative to poverty, rac-ism and the crisis of capitalism.

Councillors who identify as on the left should vote against the current Labour council leaderships’ plans and put forward a budget that meets local needs. They should work with the trade unions and residents to defend jobs and services, and to build a mass campaign for all Covid-19 losses to be paid by the government and for the government grant to be restored to pre-2010 level.

Hold an event in pro-big business parties - for a new mass workers’ party to represent the interests of the 99% not the 1%.

- Nottinghamshire, Mansfield and Nottingham Trades Union Council protest against racism
- Saturday 22 August, Market Square, Nottingham
- The event organisers are calling for the protest to be socially distanced, and for attendees to wear face masks
- Please do not attend if you are worried about your health or that of anyone you are in contact with
NHS workers demand decent pay – 15% for all new

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Leeds: Little London residents are celebrating

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Only a united working class movement for socialism can solve the acute crisis

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In the face of deadly footage recorded on the streets, one by one, workers, youth and students are uniting and demonstrating. In the wake of the terrible blast, there has been an explosion of popular anger, and a surge of revolutionary feeling.

In Lebanon, a Hội an explosion on 4 August that killed twelve hundred, as well as widespread injuries, and significant damage to Lebanon's port.

It was there that there was immediate international condemnation of the killing of the government. As Lebanon's working people have decided that it is a change that is needed. Workers in Lebanon have come together to demand an end to the ruling class and to bring about a socialist society.

The primer minister, Hassan Diab, placed the blame on the explosion and the economic crisis that the country has been in. It is this in every part of the country and the political crisis that the figure that he has is "enough for the ruling class". The "political class", he says, has to change if the country is to be saved.

Workers are reporting that their wages have been cut, and that prices have risen. Workers have taken to the streets, and are demanding an end to the ruling class and for a socialist society.

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The nurses praised by Boris Johnson for staying with him for 48 hours in April "when things could have gone either way", might have hoped his gratitude would lead to improved conditions, an end to PPE shortages, and better pay.

Johnson joined the clapping for carers, celebrated 72 years of the NHS, while Chancellor Sunak said: "These past months underlined what we always knew: our public sector workers make a vital contribution to our country and we can rely on them." But nurses' pay has fallen an average 8% in real terms since 2010.

Shortly before lockdown, Tory MPs voted against proposals to raise nurses' pay. Despite the sacrifices - 540 health workers dead and staff enduring months of anxiety and lack of PPE, and separation from loved ones - the Tories will not budge.

The pay rise announced for 900,000 public sector workers of 2-3.1% for teachers, doctors, police, armed forces, and so on, does not extend to nurses who are tied to an existing 2018 wage deal. Adding insult to injury, care minister Helen Whately confirmed the financial package for student nurses, due this autumn, will not be updated. Having suffered under Tory negligence and contempt, nurses get empty praise - and they're furious.

Kick in the teeth
If the pandemic increased public appreciation of the NHS, the government has delivered a kick in the teeth.

The dedication and 'saintly' status of the NHS has been exploited for too long. Health sector unions and professional organisations have launched a campaign to demand pay talks "out of respect for the dedicated NHS staff who have battled Covid-19". This does not reflect the anger of their members who are demanding a 15% increase.

The current 'Agenda for Change' deal, agreed in 2018, was already unpopular. When the Royal College of Nurses signed, one member said "they shouldn't have trusted the government, they've just gone for the deal and been screwed over".

Nurses are saying it is no wonder the NHS loses so many staff when it "double-crosses the ones they have got on a pay deal."

The NHS is 40,000 nurses short. Continued pressures on the service, and the backlog of operations and appointments due to the pandemic, are being used as a ruse for NHS England to launch the biggest-ever outsourcing of clinical services worth £10 billion over four years.

Cuts and closures are back on the agenda. The school exam U-turn will encourage others, and the beleaguered Tories can expect a fight: there have already been at least 30 demonstrations on pay. The battle lines are drawn. Will the union leaders, who failed to act during the junior doctors' strike in 2016, respond?

NHS workers deserve more than fine words and it goes beyond pay, the NHS itself is at stake.

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