MAGGIE FRICKER
NHS WORKER, SOUTHAMPTON SOCIALIST PARTY

NHS workers need a pay rise now. And we need our unions to launch a real fight for it.

I’ve been at my hospital trust for over 20 years and I’m proud to call myself a health worker. Every day I see workmates witness trauma and tragedy and keep going. Many of my colleagues are young and just starting out - they are newly qualified, new to post, or new to the country. They have the pressures of learning a new job and making a good impression at work, while trying to find affordable accommodation and pay the bills.

At the best of times it’s a struggle. But in the last months, health workers have been hit square in the face with this life-changing pandemic. The responsibility on so many of our shoulders has taken its toll, and the scares are very real. Workers in our communities have shown their appreciation - they have clapped us, and at times they have fed us.

Proud We’ve continued coming to work - despite the fear, the inadequate PPE, the long hours and the constantly changing rules. I could not be more proud of those I work with - but we are not angels.

We are angry at the stupidity of this government, and the greed and incompetence of the private hospitals and contractors we have to work with. So it’s time for us to turn that anger into action.

Our union leaders are well aware that we are bitter over the poor pay deal they made three years ago, which this year left us with a below-inflation pay rise. It’s high time for them to listen to the grassroots. Put a figure on it - demand 15% now! We need to make our voices heard, take to the streets, be seen, and support the day of action on Saturday 12 September. But this is only the beginning of this struggle.

It’s very clear the Tories are not listening. If we want decent pay and conditions and full funding, NHS workers need to take strike action. I believe we are ready for it. We must now demand the health unions organise a strike ballot. It’s time we hit the Tories back. If we back down on this fight, it will be a green light to speed up the wholesale sell-off of what remains of the services we hold dear.

The Socialist Party demands:

- An immediate 15% pay rise for all health and care staff, including those in privatised sectors. Minimum wage of £12 an hour - £15 in London. Scrap zero-hour contracts immediately
- Reverse all privatisation and PFI debts. For a fully nationalised and publicly funded NHS and social care sector, with full collective bargaining and national terms and conditions
- Reinstate student bursaries, and scrap all tuition fees and debts
- Scrap immigration fees charging NHS trusts and care homes to employ essential workers
- A socialist NHS - democratically run by elected and accountable committees, including service workers and users
- We can’t trust pro-privatisation, pro-austerity, anti-working-class politicians. Fight for the building of a new, mass workers’ party!

I will be campaigning for Unison to call mass action for fully funded pay rises now. I have proposed to the union’s health service group executive that they should be considering a 15% pay claim. The leadership should also be calling the other health unions to try to agree a joint claim. And Unison should instruct branches to start preparing the ground for a strike ballot to win the claim. NHS workers have had enough, and need their union to lead the fight!

HUGO PIERRE
UNISON NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (PERSONAL CAPACITY) AND SOCIALIST PARTY MEMBER

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NSSN rally: Workers must not pay the price of Covid

The National Shop Stewards Network (NSSN) is holding its annual rally on the eve of TUC congress this year, because of Covid, the rally will be held via Zoom and shared live on Facebook. Leaders of national unions will be speaking, and there will also be an open mic, giving a platform to workers and reps in disputes and on the frontline.

NSSN Chair Rob Williams told THE SOCIALIST: “TUC congress has never been more important. Workers are fighting for our lives and livelihoods. We need workers control over workplaces to make sure that they are safe. And increasingly, we are fighting to stop the hurricane of redundancies and confront the bosses who use the threat of job losses to try and smash our pay, terms and conditions, and pensions.

Now there is talk that the Tories are looking to freeze the national living wage, which is already too low and has unacceptable age restrictions.

More than ever, the TUC needs to be a council of war, where the class lines are drawn - workers won’t pay the price for this crisis. We must send a clear message of defiance to the employers and their Tory government, which in turn will give confidence to workers that the unions will fight. We’ve already seen that workers join unions when the need to be organised is clear and a fighting lead is given.

The NSSN is calling on the TUC congress to organise a day of demonstrations and protests in every town and city on Saturday 24 October to demand the furlough scheme – scheduled to end a week later - is continued and upgraded: we say ‘work or full pay’.

The mood to fight is increasing as Covid strips bare the class inequalities in society. We’ve already seen the incredible Black Lives Matter movement fill the streets. On 12 September there will be more protests to demand a 15% pay rise for workers in the NHS and care sectors, and we call on our supporters to join them.

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What could 6½ million workers, organised in the trade unions, achieve if there was a fighting programme? Help us send that message by joining our rally.”

NSSN TUC Rally - 1pm, Sunday 13 September Facebook event

Union leaders so far confirmed as speaking at the event are: Sarah Woolley, general secretary BEAUL, Amy Murphy Usdaw president (personal capacity), Nick Lynch RMT transport union assistant general secretary, Dave Ward Communication Workers Union general secretary.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 822 0003 8334 and password: 739809

Low-paid worker, Southampton

Michelle Francis

Low-paid worker, Southampton

Workers slam Tory proposal

“We’re all in it together” chirped Boris Johnson at the start of lockdown - which is presumably why he’s considering not uprating the minimum wage next April, because the bosses say they can’t afford it.

This hypocrisy cannot be allowed to go unchallenged. As furlough payments come to an end, employers are already slashing wages, axing jobs and cutting hours to protect their profits.

The trade unions must step up to the plate and fight for a real minimum wage. That means demanding £12 an hour and £15 an hour for high-cost London now, and organising action to achieve it.

“Ministers are considering slamming the ‘emergency brake’ on uprating the minimum wage. The trade unions must step up to the plate and fight now. There are no excuses, other than greed for these attacks on the working class to continue.”

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Covid-19 outbreaks

Safety is being overridden in drive to bolster the economy

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even as cases of Covid-19 infec-
tions are rising dramatically, work-
ers in close proximity to each other, breathing the same air for hours. It is increasingly clear that working conditions are largely responsible for these outbreaks. Virus spread between workers outside the factory and in local communities plays only a small part.

Workers blamed

The timing, circumstances and pattern of the outbreaks points to them being typical ‘super-spreader events’, caused by airborne spread of the virus within the same enclosed indoor space of the factory. Infection rapidly passes from one or two individuals to many other workers.

Employers and some public health officials have been quick to blame workers for sharing cars and homes. The evidence shows that actions of workers themselves play a minor role in these outbreaks.

Greencore claimed all its sites “have wide-ranging social-distancing measures, stringent hygiene procedures and regular temperature checking in place”. Yet nearly 300 people working at its Northampton factory were still infected.

The spread of Covid-19 in indoor spaces is extremely difficult to prevent entirely. There is, in reality, no such thing as a ‘Covid-safe’ workplace or school - unless transmission in the community is eliminated.

The rate of community transmission will determine what happens in our workplaces and schools, so a national ‘Zero Covid’ strategy is essential.

Trade unions should make indoor spaces safer by ensuring employers enact hygiene measures, distancing, wearing masks and proper ventilation. Ventilation has been neglected in government guidance.

The Health and Safety Executive, Food Standards Authority and other regulatory authorities should be ensuring this is done properly. But they have been hardly heard during the whole of the Covid-19 pandemic. Years of austerity cuts and the Tories’ “bonfire of red tape”, slashing even the mildest restrictions on profit-making corporations with no experience in delivering public health services.

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Under the microscope

● Overwhelmed

As the Tory government opens up schools and workplaces to benefit employers, Covid-19 infections are spiralling upwards.

Worryingly, analysis by the Guard-
ian says that a worst-case scenario of high levels of infection, along with normal winter pressures on hospitals, would leave many NHS trusts in England overwhelmed by patients.

But even with lower levels of in-
fec tion, a majority of trusts (60%) could reach patient capacity, with seven trusts being completely overwhelmed.

● Poverty and Covid

A leaked report from soon-to-be-
axed Public Health England con-

dirmed that widespread poverty, poor housing and large BAME com-
munities in the north of the country meant that Covid-19 never really disappeared from the North West, North, Yorkshire and the Humber and East Midlands.

Health secretary Matt Hancock continues to project his fantasy that the deeply flawed Covid-19 priva-
tised testing system is a ‘world beater’.

Tell that to the people told to drive 450 miles to Inverness for a test! Even Boris Johnson’s eminence grise, Dominic Cummings, only had to drive 25 miles to test his eyesight.

But even people tested locally have complained that they haven’t received the results.

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WHAT WE STAND FOR

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For the right to decide their own education, training, or a job, without compulsion.

For the anti-trade union law! For fighting trade unions, democratically controlled by their members. Full trade union officials to be regularly elected and receive no more than a worker’s wage. Support the National Shop Stewards Network.

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U-turn Tories’ splits are growing

WHAT WE THINK

This government is weak and can be defeated

The overwhelming majority of Britain’s capitalists would have preferred to remain in the EU. The - at root - mass expression of working-class anger that led to the defeat of remain in the referendum made that impossible. They have therefore been manoeuvring for the closest possible alignment as the best means of defending their profits.

In any circumstances, significant economic and political disruption would result from Johnson taking Britain out of the EU on World Trade Organisation (WTO) terms, with the resulting introduction of hard borders and new tariffs, and the consequences for Ireland in particular.

Against the background of multiple problems - the likely new Covid surge, the deepest economic contraction since at least the 1930s, the rise in support for Scottish independence, and the highest-ever non-wartime state debt - Johnson’s approach is highly reckless for British capitalism. The slump in sterling that has taken place over recent days could be dwarfed in the event of a WTO-terms Brexit.

If Johnson maintains his current stance, the more traditional wing of the Tory Party, including ex-prime minister Theresa May and others, could act to try and remove him, backed by wide sections of the capitalist class. Despite the change in the character of the parliamentary Tory Party, there are still more than 130 MPs who voted remain in the referendum.

On the other side, of course, if Johnson retreats from his current hardline posturing, he will be accused of betrayal by the most pro-Brexit Tory MPs and a large swathe of the Tory members. In either scenario, a schism in the Tory Party so deep that it can no longer govern as a majority government is possible.

Nor are the Brexit negotiations themselves which could fuel warfare in the Tory Party in the coming weeks. The Covid crisis has already battered Johnson’s authority in the parliamentary Tory Party. A new peak, and a few more U-turns, could destroy it altogether.

At the same time, divisions are already developing on what to do about the state debt. In the short term, British capitalism may, like other major economies, be able to live with large public debts.

However, against the background of a Brexit crisis, this is not guaranteed. Hence Chancellor Sunak pleading with the new intake from the last general election, the so-called ‘red wall’ Tory MPs, that if the Tories abandoned their “position as the party of sound finance...what is the difference between us and Labour?”

Tax rises

In response, they are reported to have made clear their opposition to any tax rises which affect ‘working families.’ This does not reflect any genuine sympathy with their constituents, but a visceral fear that they could lose their seats.

At bottom, the multiple developing splits in the Tory Party - the most successful capitalist party on the planet - reflect the crisis of British capitalism, which offers no way forward for working class people, whether in or out of the EU.

As the 2019 parliamentary crisis resurges, there is one comfort for the capitalist class - they have succeeded in removing Jeremy Corbyn and replacing him with a Labour leader who they consider reliable.

There is nothing they can do, however, about the underlying causes of Corbyn’s rise including the deeply felt anger of its majorities and the consequences of a decade of Tory capitalist austerity. This has been enormously fuelled, first by the Covid crisis, and now by the deepening economic disaster facing millions.

In the coming period, struggles to defend jobs and living conditions can finish off this Tory government. They can also create possibilities for building a mass party that fights for the social transformation of society in Britain, and also on a European and international basis.
The Welsh government has imposed a lockdown on Caerphilly county as the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 has risen above 50 per 100,000. Nobody will be able to enter or leave Caerphilly borough without “a reasonable excuse”, and nobody will be allowed to enter anyone else’s home.

Welsh health minister, Vaughan Gething, said: “I can’t understate the seriousness of the situation that we are in.” But he’s demanding that the lockdown is only aimed at people’s private lives - pubs, restaurants, bars, and, crucially, schools, remain open.

Caerphilly workers are barred from visiting their parents’ house but can travel to work, inside and outside the borough, as normal. One worker commented: “Don’t go to other people’s houses - make sure you only see them when five pints under down the local”!

The spread of the virus in Caerphilly’s schools is a particular concern. Teachers are worried that they are facing hundreds of school students a day as the virus spreads through the community. As one teacher commented: “It’s almost as though they consider us expendable”.

Campaign group Parents For Safety First had called for Welsh education minister Kirsty Williams to pause the schools reopening as concerns about safety were ignored.

Dave Red
SOCIALIST PARTY WALES

The billionaire-owned UK newspapers, along with Prime Minister Boris Johnson, have decided their “reform” package is nothing more than a facade. Expropriation Rebellion (XR) environmental activists outside a number of printing presses last weekend. The action delayed printing and distribution of the climate-change-sceptic Telegraph, the Murdoch-owned Times, and the right-wing Daily Mail, among others.

Johnson, Home Secretary Priti Patel, and Labour leader Keir Starmer all said it was an attack on ‘a free press’ and ‘democracy’ - as if the ownership of major newspapers by a handful of billionaire bigots is in any sense ‘free’ or ‘democratic’.

The Tory government has consistently failed to tackle the current health and environmental emergency, for instance over illegal levels of air pollution causing tens of thousands of excess deaths in the UK each year. None of the delayed newspapers have campaigned to prosecute Johnson and his ministers over this outrage.

XR protesters have been charged with obstruction and had stringent bail conditions imposed on them. Patel has threatened to further restrict the freedom to protest by designating XR a criminal gang, opening up the activists to lengthy jail sentences.

Although XR fails to engage with trade unionists to discuss tactics and strategy in fighting climate change, etc, many sacked print workers and journalists were also accused of “curtailing press freedom”, when they organised mass picketing outside Murdoch’s News International plant in Wapping in 1986, and also at scab employer Eddie Shah’s Stockport Messenger plant at Warrington in 1983.

Any moves to criminalise climate change protests must be fought.
Nottinham City Council: The (mis)adventures of Robin Hood Energy

Mark Evans

The ‘for-profit’ energy company, Robin Hood Energy, has collapsed with the loss of 235 jobs. The company, which has spent £24 million on Robin Hood Energy, has recently seen a drop in sales, which was caused by the collapse of many smaller companies. In addition, the company has been struggling to pay its suppliers, and it has had to lay off a further 128 million over the last year.

The company’s main focus has been on providing affordable energy to local authorities in Wales. If the shortfall is met, the company will be able to supply funds to local authorities for income loss and increased expenditure for the current crisis into the next financial year 2021-22. Central government has also been involved in this process, as local authorities in Wales are facing unprecedented pressure. They forget that local authorities in Wales are facing a challenge that is much wider than Nottingham.

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All this before significant future losses. Nottingham has spent £475 million over the last year on building and road works. The council recently announced that the council had committed to spending £212 million, and any money paid would be returned to the company by the council. This is a key factor in the collapse of Robin Hood Energy.

The council originally stated that it would support the company by making a loan of £10 million, but it has only bought the company base on the condition that the company has a loan of £24 million, and any money paid would be returned to the company. In 2004, the council also had to pay the company up to 193 million more in debt and further funds were sought to support the company. It is no surprise then that a section I notice to provide minimum statutory pay only.

The GMB union is suing for better conditions in the form of the right to work and living wages for all workers worked under small companies. A section notice to small companies to provide live in 1985. View back to 2020, we can see that in real terms, one gas supply and one grid supply is supported by 10% of 15% and 15% of electricity are supplied by the ‘Big Six’. The energy companies are false competition markets that are driving up energy costs. These situations are all failures, including Robin Hood Energy. This means to this government madness is to renationalise energy. Pointing out this can be an on sensitive and confidential topics will be left to the workers themselves. Labour councillors should be demanding an end, and not thinking they have the right of service to residents. This is the right of service to residents. This is the right of service to residents.

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Hull: Defend Tony Smith!

Tony is a Unison union activist and was sacked for ‘gross misconduct’, because “you can’t expect trade union activists to be experts on running a fuel business”!

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Reinstate Richie Venton

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Dispatches from the front: schools bedlam - where are the unions?

**Lockdown but still no testing in Caerphilly**

Despite the pressure on Caerphilly council, with the teaching unions and the Cardiff union office demanding that teachers and students fight for our safety and that of our children, the council isn’t doing anything. The unions aren’t demanding tests. It’s barely humane, but the school isn’t set up for the teaching staff or learners. It’s just a place to go to work. The NEU district secretary, Sheila Caffrey, has written to local councillors demanding that, within a few days of reopening, there should be a single school site tested every day. If there isn’t, people have the final say. Some schools are testing, but that’s nothing.

We’re in a local lockdown. Yes, the schools are open, but there is still no clear plan. The unions are putting pressure on the government to be clear about what’s happening. If anything, it’s worse. You need to be in a single group, that means you can’t move around from one to the other. What’s worse, everyone will carry on having a difficult lockdown without the clarity of what’s happening. If you don’t have clear and consistent demands being taken at the gates, it’s more of the same: a return to school safety issues in a single group, that means you can’t move around from one to the other. What’s worse, everyone will carry on having a difficult lockdown without the clarity of what’s happening.

The school doesn’t feel safe, it’s opening the doors, it’s so misfiring on council priorities to get our localised lockdown through the door. In Caerphilly, the students are the people who are already at risk, but the council wants to move forward.

We have been told that students can’t get together in groups to mix and dine locals. The FE staff are being asked to do their work safely. We can’t mark books in case of coronavirus. The staff are being told to make sure they never catch the virus. We’re told to keep our distance, but not to share equipment.

The teachers don’t have enough PPE. They have the same as the students. PPE is hard to get hold of in a single group, that means you can’t move around from one to the other. The council is pushing parents to go to work. The NEU is asking councils to isolate bubbles, but how will this happen with two students on their desks? It will make sure that they’re safe.

Another thing we’re hearing is that people don’t want testing, it’s not enough. What’s more, the council is telling people that they’re doing this, to cover up not welcoming students.

Schools are opening but in an unsustainable and unacceptable way.

### Campaigning messengers

Sheila Caffrey’s front-page article in the last issue of the Socialist (pp. 1-3) was a good start. It’s an excellent start. It’s a clear start. It’s a good start. It’s a bad start. It’s a bad start. It’s an acceptable start. It’s not enough.

We have been getting threats from the unions that, with coronavirus, everyone is in a single group, that means you can’t move around from one to the other. What’s worse, everyone will carry on having a difficult lockdown without the clarity of what’s happening. If you don’t have clear and consistent demands being taken at the gates, it’s worse.

If there were effective testing in place, with all the staff and learners being tested, it would be necessary and we could ask people to come back. However, the situation is different. Our students are following behind and also communicating that they are not willing to be tested, a second wave and a second lockdown could be as bad as a school really went.

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**No real precations in ‘parallel universe’**

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The Department for Education seems to be expecting primary schools to isolate bubbles, but these aren’t the teachers and they’re the students. In secondary, there are some schools that have different bubbles. In my school, there are different bubbles. In my school, there are different bubbles. In my school, there are different bubbles.

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**A CRITICAL ELECTION FOR UNISON: GENERAL SECRETARY**

core leaders set out new demands, budgets and a new programme to implement "Tory cuts". This is striking, given the size of the payroll of Unison members' money and the scale of the cuts that affect our colleagues' lives.

And, if Labour councils won't stand up for us, we should use our money to back candidates who will.

He is demanding a national fight on cuts, pay and privatisation, with national bargaining for industrial action, rather than leaving branch to branch fight alone. That's the issue. The Labour Party's failure to do so has cost us £13 million so far in terms of collective power (and not in union funds).

He is defending the right of the people of Scotland to have a second referendum.

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Dear comrade,

Back at work! TUSC to Stand in electionS

I look forward to your response. In solidarity,

[Signatures]

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TUSC letter to trade union national executive committee members

The TUSC steering committee also discussed how to broaden support in the construction trade and the ports of TUSC’s national trade union representation. The following letter is being sent as a possible trade union draft letter to your national executive committee.

Dear comrade,

[Text of the letter discussing the TUSC’s national trade union representation and the need for broader support]

[Signature]

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The response to Eric’s final words was an encouraging sign that many answered our socialist message across. York supporters on your executive committee member - including yourself if you were to accept our invitation (or committee member - including yourself if you were to accept our invitation (or)

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BELARUS: MASS OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO DEFY REPRESSION BY LUKASHENKO’S REGIME

An appeal to workers in neighboring Ukraine, but she tore masked men. It’s reported that the withdrawn and some have been or—

Workers’ parties
Workers’ movements involved in the movement need to start building an independent, anti-capitalist opposition. The call for a workers’ party is necessary and desirable. The move that will come next and the immediate objective of the workers’ movement in Iran, a party based on the working class, with a leadership that sees so

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The movement is the ‘anti-authoritarian movements’ that reshape society, see, especially against discrimination and social injustice, and promote the interests of the working class. The movement is a response to the struggle of the workers’ movement in Iran, a party based on the working class, with a leadership that sees so

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STRIKE WAVE MARKS NEW STAGE IN REVIVAL OF IRANIAN WORKERS’ MOVEMENT

A coordinating committee of workers’ representatives to organise strike action was formed during the strike wave. Workers’ committees have been formed at places of work and at the Minsk Wheel Tractor plant on 17 August. Demonstrators faced worker stewardships in October ahead with the hated Lukashenko regime. Hundreds were arrested on 17 August and some badly beaten

Workers’ movement

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Strikes have been followed by arrests and imprisonment. ‘We are fighting for our freedom and democracy against the regime. We demand the immediate recall if they go against the wishes of those who elected them. In turn, in order to pursue a struggle against dictatorship and for a democratic right of Iranian workers, the abolition of the death penalty, freedom of expression, the right to a private life, and who now provide them with food and other help.

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The number of prisoners has reached nearly 4,000. The regime has arrested more than 7,000 people since the protests started in November 2019. The government has systematically used arbitrary detention, torture, and other forms of abuse to stifle dissent and crush the movement

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Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on global capitalism and exposed the flaws of the system.

In Britain, the already struggling economy has now entered recession, with a sharp rise in unemployment and economic downturn hitting the poorest. Mass job losses are taking place, and will be spurred on when the furlough scheme ends in October.

Some of the worst affected sectors are service, retail, and hospitality, where the workforce is dominated by young people. Unemployment among 18-24 year olds could hit one million by the end of the year. Following a decade of brutal austerity cuts - attacks on further education, a dwindling number of decent apprenticeships, lack of job security, and the rise of precarious employment - this crisis is a further blow to young people’s futures.

The largest 100 companies in Britain have doubled their wealth in ten years. Now, the greedy fat cats are trying to protect their vast profits by making young, working-class people pay for this crisis. We need to fight back.

Young Socialists and Youth Fight for Jobs are campaigning for the Trade Union Congress (TUC) - representing six million workers - to set up an emergency ‘council of war’ to plan how the unions can campaign to defend jobs.

The TUC should demand the government invest to create socially useful jobs on wages we can live on, and guarantee real training and apprenticeships for the skills young workers need, with a job at the end. Those schemes should be democratically controlled by the trade unions.

Young people have already taken action to fight injustice and demand a better future. The inspirational Black Lives Matter (BLM) protesters, which challenged systemic racism, were mainly youth. School and college students won an impressive victory, forcing the Tory government into a U-turn on exam results.

Find out about youth protests on and around 12 September

- youngsocialists.org.uk
- Instagram & Facebook: Young Socialists
- Email: youngsocialists@hotmail.co.uk
- Text JOIN plus your name and postcode to 07958 032 071

Young Socialists is also supporting NHS protests on 12 September (see front page) and the demands of the National Shop Stewards Network (see page 2)

If the unions took a central role in fighting for young people’s futures, the militancy and determination of youth combined with the power of trade union organisation could succeed.