

JUSTICE FOR GRENFELL

NO JUSTICE-NO PEACE

NO SAFETY – NO RENT

No one should pay to live
in a tower block without
knowing it is safe

ORGANISE COLLECTIVE WORKING CLASS DEFENCE OF OUR HOMES AND OUR LIVES

YOUR CONTRACT MEANS YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO SAFE HOUSING AND FIRE CHECKS. ORGANISE TO MAKE YOUR LANDLORD FULFILL YOUR RIGHTS

- Call a mass meeting of tenants on your estate – a downloadable leaflet is available at www.socialistparty.org.uk. Knock every door. Message all your friends and neighbours. It's summer so they can be open air – at the bottom of your block. Try to include everyone so give yourself some time but start now!
- If you don't have a tenants and residents association, set one up. If you do, sign everyone up to it. You will need contact details
- Sign up everyone in a tower who is willing to participate in a withholding of rent should there be any delay with adequate safety measures and a separate list of everyone who is willing to back them up
- Print off the window bills - also available at www.socialistparty.org.uk
- Organise teams to go around local streets asking people to sign up as supporters should any action be taken against tower tenants defending their right to safety
- Get in touch with Socialist Party if you want to discuss how to go about any of this
- John McDonnell, Jeremy Corbyn's shadow chancellor, has called for a million on the streets to get May and the Tories Out. Let's organise for a mass block of tenants on the 1 July demo.



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JUSTICE FOR GRENFELL:

- **TORIES OUT!**
- **JAIL THE KILLERS!**
- **PRIVATE PROFIT
OUT OF OUR HOMES!**
- **MAJOR INVESTIGATION NEEDED,
INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT**

Let's pull no punches. This isn't a tragic accident but the predicted and criminal result of the policies of cuts, privatisation, deregulation, lack of democratic accountability and wilful neglect carried out locally and nationally.

Working class lives have been sacrificed to profit. It is reported that the cladding was a cheap way of improving the look of the building when seen from luxury housing

The residents' Grenfell Action Group said they had repeatedly warned the block's owners, Kensington and Chelsea Tory council, and Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation, which manages the block, about "very poor fire safety standards" in the tower. They explained their warnings "fell on deaf ears".

Failings were uncovered following a devastating tower block fire at Lakanal House in Southwark in 2009, which killed six people. The failings then included a lack of fire risk assessments, sprinklers, and panels on the outside walls not providing the necessary fire resistance. Tory housing minister Gavin Barwell sat on these recommendations.

If the recommendations from the Lakanal

fire had all been implemented the chances are that the Grenfell Tower tragedy may not have happened.

Gavin Barwell lost his seat in last week's election and has now been parachuted in as Theresa May's chief of staff.

The borough has 1,399 empty properties, mostly owned by the rich. Take them over to provide desperately needed homes!

As with the recent terrorist attacks, this horrendous event also brings into sharp focus the fact that the number of firefighters has been cut in London by 550, with ten stations closed and others with appliances reduced.

The number of fire deaths has risen over the last year. NHS services are at breaking point and facing further cuts, including to the A&Es at Charing Cross and other local hospitals that are currently taking casualties but are faced with cuts and closures.

The 400-600 people made homeless must be immediately rehoused locally in secure and affordable accommodation. No talk of lack of money can be accepted – in World War Two bombed out families were rehomed in 24 hours!

Working class people have no choice but to organise in defence of our homes and our right to safety.

There should be an inquest, with tenants' legal representation paid for and the right of tenants' reps to ask their questions and call witnesses.

We need a major investigation into Grenfell House and the implications for housing around the country. That investigation must be genuinely independent of government and must be free to draw out the implications of spending cuts and to make recommendations that do not compromise safety because of austerity. It must be led by trade unions and residents groups drawing on independent expertise. For example, Unite the union could provide representatives of housing workers and building workers. There must be criminal prosecutions where appropriate. If there is not immediate action, Jeremy Corbyn should step in to establish such an inquiry.

All councils should immediately inspect safety on every housing estate and invest urgently, with no excuses about cuts, in ensuring safe materials, adequate exits and space, etc

Labour councils should refuse to pass on any further cuts. Stop all privatisation of housing, repairs and renovation!

London mayor Sadiq Khan should reverse all cuts to the London fire service.

Build a million council houses – take private profit out of our homes! Take over empty speculative property!

This Tory carnage must end. The Tories are in tatters and May is only just clinging on to power. We must continue to build a movement that can bring down the Tories and replace them with a Corbyn-led anti-austerity government.

Working class people can organise and win – after all it was a mass movement of non-payment that brought down the hated poll tax and its architect, Margaret Thatcher. 18 million people responded to the Socialist Party-led call and refused to pay – the tax became unworkable.

Last year when families on an estate in Walthamstow were threatened by eviction, the tenants took up the Socialist Party idea of mass resistance, of collective refusal to move and won!

A socialist housing policy would mean massive investment in council housing, including rebuilding existing estates; rent controls; and democratic nationalisation of the banks, land and building companies to provide safe, secure, and genuinely affordable homes for all.