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a weekend of political discussion and
debate on socialist ideas
to change the world
in central London
on 11&12 November

SOCIALISM 2017

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE 1917 RUSSIAN
REVOLUTION? HOW CAN WE FIGHT TRUMP?
CAN WE BEAT AUSTERITY? HOW DO WE GET
JUSTICE FOR GRENFELL? HOW CAN WE
STOP A CORBYN GOVERNMENT BEING
SABOTAGED? IS A NUCLEAR
STRIKE POSSIBLE? DO WE
STILL NEED MARXISM?
IS SOCIALISM
POSSIBLE IN OUR
LIFETIME?

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£6 wknd/£3 day

if these are the questions
you're asking, then this is
the event for you.
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REVOLUTION



The Socialist Party is hosting this event to bring together all those who want to discuss ideas about how to change the world. We also want you to join us.

Why us? We stand for transforming society, taking the top industries into public ownership and democratically planning the economy to meet the needs of all.

We have a proven record of mobilising working class and young people to fight in defence of rights and living standards - from the 18 million-strong movement that defeated Thatcher and her poll tax, to the struggle in Liverpool that won money from Thatcher to build 5,000 council homes, to the east London families who declared they would not budge from Butterfields and defeated a rip-off landlord's plans to evict them.

See: socialistparty.org.uk

By joining the Socialist Party you are joining the most determined and effective socialist organisation in the country. Our branches meet every week for inclusive and democratic political discussion and to organise our forces to work with campaigns, trade unions and activists in our communities.

JOIN US



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

will include

KSHAMA SAWANT

A 2 September Guardian article about the growing interest in socialist ideas in the US said: "There are few socialists elected to public office in the US today. The most prominent is Kshama Sawant of the Socialist Alternative party, who won a seat on Seattle's city council in 2013 and drove through an increase in the city's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. She was re-elected two years ago promising a tax on the rich in a state with no income tax. In July, the city council unanimously passed a 2.25% city tax on people earning more than \$250,000 a year."

PETER TAAFFE

Peter is the general secretary of the Socialist Party. Before that he was the editor of Militant, famous for leading the successful mass campaign that brought down the poll tax and Margaret Thatcher. His recently published book, From Militant to the Socialist Party, deals with the Blairite takeover of the Labour Party.

IAN MEARNS MP

Ian is a Labour MP and a Corbyn supporter. He is the leader of the RMT parliamentary group.

HANNAH SELL

Hannah is a life-long campaigner for a socialist world, now deputy general secretary of the Socialist Party. She is the author of Socialism in the 21st Century and a regular contributor to Socialism Today magazine.

PAUL MURPHY TD

Paul, a member of the Socialist Party's sister party in Ireland, is a TD (MP) in the Irish Parliament. He recently won a major victory against the Irish state's attempt to criminalise protest. Following a peaceful sit-down protest against austerity water charges, Paul and 17 others were subjected to dawn raids and an attempt to charge them with false imprisonment of a pro-austerity politician who had her car slow-walked out of a carpark. The jury found all six of the first round of defendants NOT guilty.

are you asking these questions?

100 years since the Russian Revolution:

- ▶ what really happened?
- ▶ was Lenin a dictator?
- ▶ are Trotsky's ideas still relevant?

Marxism - is there a need for theory in our movement?

- ▶ how do Marxists understand the state?
 - ▶ what is dialectical materialism?
- ▶ is Marx's contribution to economics still relevant in the era of the gig economy and the rise of robots?

How can a Corbyn-led government avoid sabotage?

Justice for Grenfell - how do we get it?

How do we beat low pay?

Can trade unions help win refugee rights?

join the debates

Institutional racism - how can we end it?

Capitalism in crisis
▶ 10 years since the world economic crisis: is there a way out?
▶ Trumpism, nationalism and war - what's the alternative?

How can women fight back against oppression?

ideas to change the world

What can we learn from Venezuela?

▶ What is socialism all about?
▶ Is it possible?
A course of short introductory sessions

- ▶ Can Corbyn's promise of free education be realised?
 - ▶ Lessons of the school students' movement in Spain and France 1968 for us.

A course of short sessions run by the Young Socialists and aimed at school & college students

Why are national questions on the rise - Scotland, Spain, Ireland?

Labour and the trade unions - how do we forge a powerful, fighting movement?

Workshops on these and more will include plenty of time for everyone to contribute, raise disagreements and ask questions



Council cuts - what do we do to stop them?

then Socialism 2017 is for you!

HOW TO GET TICKETS!

The best way to get tickets is online or through Socialist Party members you know. There is a **10% discount** on tickets until 10 November. Prices are: **Golden ticket**: £60 waged, £40 unwaged or low waged (includes entry to the entire weekend and one night in a central London hostel) • **Weekend**: £32 waged, £16 unwaged or low waged • **Saturday only/Sunday only**: £20 waged, £10 unwaged or low waged • **Rally only**: £5 (no discount available) See front for details of student offers. www.socialism2017.net

Both the **workshops** and **rallies** for Socialism take place at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1H 0AL.

WHERE IS SOCIALISM?



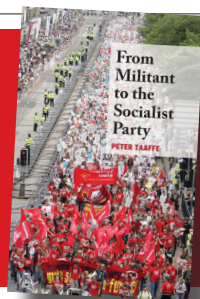
There's a **free crèche** throughout the workshops and the rallies which you can book up until 6 November.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

BOOK SIGNING - 2pm SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Peter Taaffe, general secretary of the Socialist Party, will introduce his new book, *From Militant to the Socialist Party*, at the event's bookshop.

This book is a priceless contribution to socialist history which spans 1995 to 2007 and explains the Blairite takeover of Labour and the processes which brought us to the world economic crisis whose impact still dominates politics today.



WHERE WILL I SLEEP?

We have booked beds at the Clink 78, 78 King's Cross Rd, WC1X 9QG and at the Clink 261 261-265 Gray's Inn Rd, London WC1X 8QT. Book a Golden ticket by 6 November to get a **hostel place**.



On the website you can request **free accommodation** which may be on the floor or sofa of a London Socialist Party member. Email us at socialism@socialistparty.org.uk if you have any queries.

We make every effort to ensure that the Socialism weekend is accessible for all. If you have any particular needs or questions please call us on 020 8988 8777. For those with mobility issues, transport and assistance is available. Please contact us in advance if there are specific things you need help with.

ACCESS

There will be a large book shop offering a wide range of left-wing books, pamphlets, posters, t-shirts and more: leftbooks.co.uk There will be many other stalls too.

BOOK SHOP