

# SOCIALISM

ONLINE FORUM  
20-23 November

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**Discussion &  
debate on  
socialist ideas to  
change the world  
- over four days**

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**Socialism 2020** will address the key challenges confronting the working class and young people as we fight for our lives and livelihoods amidst the Covid and capitalist crises.

The workshops will include both an introduction and time for those attending to contribute, argue, if they wish, and ask questions.

**Socialism 2020 is for everyone** who wants to discuss how can the campaigns and movements being built today become powerful enough to change the world.

**Socialism 2020** is dedicated to discussion and debate on the socialist ideas needed to transform the world.  
**Get your ticket today!**

**SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER**

Themes	Smash Racism	World in crisis	After Corbyn	Covid lessons	Socialist programme	What is socialism?
11am-1pm	Lessons of the Black Panthers	World economy - is a 1930s style depression inevitable?	How can a mass working class political voice be built?	Workers' control in the workplace	Friedrich Engels - are his ideas relevant for women's liberation?	Is Cuba socialist?
2-4pm	Police racism - how do we end it?	New world order: China and the US	Labour councils: a potential counter-power to the Tories?	Climate chaos - action needed but how?	Can the music industry be saved from covid and capitalism?	Is the working class still the agent of socialist change?

**SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER**

Themes	Smash Racism	Trotskyism	Broken Britain	Exit from crisis	Ideas of the CWI
11am-1pm	Revolt or reform - how was slavery abolished?	Revolution Betrayed: what happened in the USSR?	Where is Britain going?	Can Keynesianism save capitalism?	Legacy of the collapse of Stalinism
2-4pm	Privilege and oppression? ideas to smash racism	How do we get from here to socialism?	What now for the fight against austerity?	Is fascism on the cards?	Lessons for today of the new left formations
5-7pm	How do we defeat the far right?	Do we still need a theory of Permanent Revolution?	Is Scotland on the road to independence?	Can green tech and AI save the system?	Poll Tax - how a mass movement won

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIALISM 2020**

Friday  
20 November  
5-7pm

Opening rally to introduce the themes of the workshops

**MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

Themes	End oppression	Marxism today	International
11am-1pm	How can LGBT+ liberation be won?	Reading the Communist Manifesto	The US after the elections
2-4pm	Are women going back to the 1950s?	Reading Socialism: Utopian and Scientific	Belarus and the crisis in the former Soviet states

Suggested reading will be sent to all ticket holders for their selected sessions from the start of October



**RALLY FOR SOCIALISM**  
SATURDAY  
21 NOVEMBER  
6-8pm

Speakers to be announced

For more info and to buy tickets:  
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## Themes of the discussions at Socialism 2020 will include:

**Racism** must be countered whenever it emerges. Black Lives Matter showed enormous courage – and posed questions of how to organise to smash racism. Socialism 2020 will address this from a number of angles: why is police racism so persistent and how can it be stopped? What is the nature of the far-right threat today and how can it be defeated? Why did Malcolm X come to the conclusion that you can't have capitalism without racism? And what about other oppressions - sexism and homophobia - how can they be fought in this new situation?

**Capitalism is in crisis.** That much is clear. But what is the alternative? Socialism 2020 will look at the world situation – after the US elections, the role of China, the situation in the ex-Soviet states. Do we face a new 1930s-style Great Depression? Can Keynesian measures, AI and green technology deliver a recovery for capitalism?

**How do we organise and fight back?** Is the working class still the agent of socialist change? Covid showed the need for workers to organise to defend health and safety in the workplace – which cannot be

left to the bosses. On the 30th anniversary of the poll tax movement, we will look at how it defeated the Iron Lady Thatcher.

**After Corbyn:** We will also look at the political situation facing the working class today – in which Starmer's Labour and the scale of job losses and attacks makes the building of a new working class political voice necessary. At Socialism 2020 we will look at the role of Labour councils and the fight against austerity as well as the lessons of the new political formations for today.

**Marxism** says that philosophers have interpreted the world - but the point is to change it! 200 years after the birth of Friedrich Engels, who collaborated with Karl Marx, three workshops will explore some of the key texts of Marxism: the Communist Manifesto; Socialism Utopian and Scientific; and The Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State. 80 years after the murder of another giant of Marxism, Leon Trotsky, we explore his contribution too. The Committee for a Workers' International is the socialist world organisation to which the Socialist Party is affiliated. The CWI has contributed to Marxism including with the understanding of the collapse of Stalinism and its legacy.



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