

DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT FOR TUITION FEE REFUNDS FOR THE YEAR?

JOIN YOUR LOCAL SOCIALIST STUDENTS CAMPUS PROTEST WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL

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Local details;

We say:

- Refund our fees and our rent
- Build a national student movement – democratic and active
- Organise for free education and make the 1% pay!
- Fight for a socialist alternative to capitalist chaos

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Our campuses are engulfed in crisis. Following the countless lies we were told just so universities could gain access to our tuition fee and rent money, we have been abandoned by university management and the Tories.

The tuition fee funding system is the root of the crisis students and staff face. Our universities have been left without the public funding and resources they need, meaning years of cuts to student support services, mental health services, not to mention cuts to jobs, staff wages and conditions and courses.

With the new campus crisis however has come a new student fightback against university management, the Tories, and the market model of university education.

Students have been holding the feet of penny pinching management to the fire by launching rent strike campaigns on campuses across the country. Withholding tens of millions of pounds in rent has helped to make our voices heard.

In the autumn term, students organised protests on campuses to demand rent and tuition fee refunds, an end to cuts on campuses, and free education, many of which were led by Socialist Students.

Students have won, through collective action and struggle, additional funding for our universities from the government. This points to how we should now build our movement.

Now is the time for our movement to go on the offensive and demand the full funding that our universities need - to end and reverse all cuts on campuses, to provide affordable housing for students, and to kick the failed market model entirely out of education for good, by scrapping tuition fees and cancelling all

student debt.

Tuition fee refunds

A good place to start for this would be to demand a refund of our tuition fees for the year! But we don't want to stop there. If we're to guarantee that we never see the chaos which has erupted on our campuses ever again, we need to fight to scrap tuition fees altogether, along with student debt. That requires the building of a mass movement.

Socialist Students is calling for campus protests on Wednesday 21 April to demand that universities refund our tuition fees for this year, with the funding for those refunds made up for by the government, as the first step towards winning free education.

We want to unite rent strikers, free education campaigners, campus staff and unions, anti-cuts and liberation groups on campus around a common programme – for rent and fee refunds for students, for an end to all cuts on campuses, for rent controls for all students, for properly funded student support and mental health services, and free education.

And we want to discuss out with other campaigning groups how we can best work together to win these demands. We need to build a national student movement to take the fight to the U-turn Tories. And we want to use all the tools at our disposal to fight back - including rent strike campaigns, occupations, walk outs and mass marches, as well as mobilising student support for strike action taken on campus to fight against cuts and attacks on staff wages and conditions.

Fight for a socialist alternative to capitalism

In 2020, the Tories spent an additional £280 billion, money injected into the economy in order to prop up the profits of the very richest in society. This is despite the fact that for years the wealthy

elite and their politicians have told students and young people that there is no money in society to provide us with a future!

But what this last year has demonstrated is that the money does exist in Britain, the 5th richest country on the planet. The wealth of Britain's billionaires has increased by 34% to £156 billion. Globally, the billionaires own nearly \$12 trillion!

The pro-capitalist politicians, including the Tories and Starmer's Labour Party, will try to make young and working class people foot the bill for the new economic crisis. This underscores the vital need for a new mass political voice for students and young people to fight for our interests in the council chamber and Parliament.

There is the potential in society, not just to provide free education, but to provide every young person with a future which includes access to decent and well-paying jobs, council housing, and public services. The question is who controls the wealth and makes the decisions about how society is run.

That's why Socialist Students stands for the replacement of the broken system of capitalism, which is inherently chaotic and crisis-ridden, with a new kind of society. A socialist society based on solidarity and cooperation, by taking the vast wealth and resources out of the hands of the super-rich and into democratic public ownership, to meet the social needs and wants of the majority in society.

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