I MAY INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

ay Day is an annual celebration of workers' struggle against capitalism.

Its origins lie in the general strike for an eight-hour working day, put down by police gunfire in Chicago in 1886, and the foundation of the Second International, bringing together revolutionary socialists around the world in 1889. Its history teaches us the power of the working class to transform society, and the need to overturn the capitalist state.

The Socialist Party's links with the organised working class - the agent of socialist change - are fundamental to our work. Each year, we ask groups of workers and trade unionists to support the Socialist newspaper and its ideas by financing a May Day greeting.

Despite the organisational impediments and financial constraints caused by the pandemic there has been a fantastic response to our campaign. We have once again received pledges totalling over £8,000, represented by over 80 greetings across 16 pages.

Scott Jones

May Day greetings organiser

There couldn't be a more poignant time to mark two of the most important dates in the calendar of the labour and trade union movement. On 28 April, International Workers' Memorial Day will be commemorated while on 1 May, May Day - the global Workers' Day - will be celebrated. Both days will bring home the two primary challenges facing workers and their unions - the need for workplace safety during Covid, and the fight against the offensive of the bosses and their Tory government.

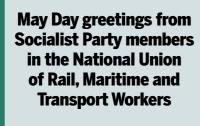
There has never been a more important time for workers to be organised in a union, in the fight for our lives and livelihoods. A year ago, too many at leadership level in the unions capitulated to the idea of 'national unity' with Johnson's government and the employers, calling off action and suspending disputes. But the brutal 'fire and rehire' that has sacked hundreds of British Gas workers, and been rolled out in many other sectors, has shown once and for all that there is no common cause with the bosses and we have to be organised for the fight of our lives.

And workers are showing that they are up for the fight. Not only are the number of strikes increasing but so is their intensity, with more days of action and many going on indefinitely. We have to use the platform of May Day to spread the word about the disputes that are building and the need for the unions to fight together. The motto for International Workers' Memorial Day has never been more important "remember the dead and fight for the living".

Rob Williams NSSN chair and Socialist Party workplace organiser



the Activist - bulletin of Socialist Party members in Union of Shop, Distributive ■ Nationalise failing retailers to save jobs Minimum wage of £15 Retail workers need a fighting and democratic union







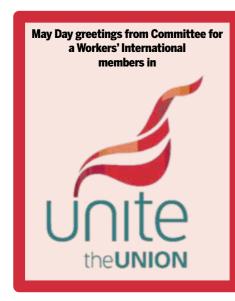
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Socialist Party members in the NEU

Solidarity with educators

Fight for a socialist world free from poverty

Educate, agitate, organise



May Day greetings from Socialist Party members in the Public and Commercial Services Union



- Solidarity with all workers, public and private, delivering vital public services
- Full resources for public services dealing with the Covid-19 crisis
- Support and build collective action to stop risks to workers' 10% pay rise for public
- and private sector workers delivering vital services Bring outsourced workers back in-house
- No loss of pay or income for all workers furloughed or laid off because of the crisis
- Substantial rise in benefits linked to a rise in the national minimum wage to £12 an hour (£15 in London)
- Stop all office closures, and increase staffing levels to provide quality public services For a socialist, democratic, fighting PCS
- #ActionNotWords

End academisation

May Day greetings and solidarity from the **Anti Academies Alliance**

Let's build a **National Education Service** together

- and progressive
- ComprehensiveDemocraticallyFully funded accountable to local and inclusive communities

Let's make a landmark statement for future generations by abolishing the social barbarism of grammars and selection and the structural inequality of private education



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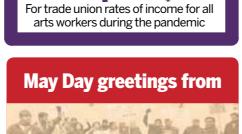


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send May Day greetings to the Socialist

May Day greetings from





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Socialist Party members in Equity

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YOUTH FIGHT

Unionise the next generation!

the Socialist May Day greetings 2021



Fight for pay, jobs and

National action to defeat cuts and privatisation - don't leave branches to fight

Fight to break the public pay freeze and end low pay. Fight for a 15% pay rise in the NHS - build the fight for public sector-wide

■ Labour and SNP councils should refuse to make cuts and set no-cuts needs budgets A national campaign to return the billions stolen from councils by government since 2010 For nationally coordinated action to defeat the Alternative Care providers, wholly owned subsidiaries and STP cuts plans End privatisation: bring services back in-house - no compensation for the big

Renationalise the NHS

Scrap academies and bring back all schools under the democratic control of councils with democratically elected governing bodies

Rights

For trade unionists to lead an anti-racist. anti-austerity campaign for jobs, homes and services not racism

Defend the right to protest, strike and picket. Trade unions take the lead in a campaign of workers and youth to defeat the Tory police bill

Zero tolerance of sexual harassment in the workplace

Let Scotland decide. For a new

independence referendum determined by the Scottish people

Union democracy

For genuine democratic control of the union by the members and elected

Put the union's money where the fight is more resources to the branches not at the centr For the right of the union's national conference to debate any issue or rule change

it chooses, including the political funds No to political witch-hunts, and for full genuine lay control over the union by the

Defend the rule book right to campaign of branches to change, modify or replace union policy including opposing pay claims, free

from interference of unelected union officials For the election of full-time union officials on a workers' wage - an end to unelected full-time officials calling the shots

For genuine workers' political representation

Not a penny of members' money to those MPs/councillors who fail to defend our

For genuine democratic control of the union's political funds by all members Open up political funds to allow the union to support candidates who defend union members, even if outside of the Labour Party For a full review of union political funds to ensure that we can secure a genuine political voice that represents our members

May Day greetings from



Support Mungo's workers striking against bullying in the workplace. No to outsourcing! Yes to sectorwide bargaining.





Residents **Association Committee**

Hackney Council Workers and Hackney Trade Unionists send May Day Greetings to all workers across the globe

We are totally opposed to the Tories pay freeze for all public sector workers and the insulting offer of 1% to health workers. We have helped keep the

country running for the last 12 months. We want 10% now



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RMT

Piccadilly

and District

Line West









East London, Hackney/Islington, Waltham Forest, Hillingdon, North London, West London, **Lambeth and South West London, South East**

London



RMT Camden No 3 Branch



Socialist readers in

SOCIALIST MAY DAY GREETINGS



FROM DAVID AND SANDRA SPAGNOL

May Day greetings from readers of the Socialist in **Homerton Hospital**

Bring all privatised staff back inhouse. Renationalise the NHS!



sends May Day greetings to workers around the world. Reverse all cuts! Pay key workers a living wage!

Waltham Forest Trades Council sends May Day greetings to all workers in struggle

Waltham Forest End

Trades Council

■ Pay the health workers 15% now - end the pay freeze

End violence against women
 Fight institutional racism

Kill The Bill - defend our right to

UNION

Say no to fire and rehire



Hackney Trades Council

sends all workers in struggle May
Day greetings in the ongoing fight for
justice, equality, and a living wage of
£15 an hour; in memory of Mick Gosling
and Mick Cotter; stalwarts of the Trades
Council who sadly passed away in the
past 12 months

May Day greetings to all workers from



Unite LE/7098L London Digital and Tech Branch

Solidarity with the Goodlord strikers. No fire and rehire!



May Day greetings from the Goodlord strikers

Vote TUSC for the London-wide list We need socialists into City Hall!



Promoted by London Socialist Party. PO Box1398, Enfield, EN1 9GT

Whipps Cross Hospital porters and health workers

- For an immediate increase in NHS funding and staff numbers
- Full pay for all workers, including agency staff, when self-isolating
- Requisition private factories, facilities and resources, and turn them to production of PPE for health workers now for massive state intervention for the many and not the few
- Patients are only safe when health workers themselves are safe
- For an immediate increase in the pay of all
- health and social care workers to recognise
- End big buisness involvement in our NHS cancel PFI debts and use the money for the PPE needed now
- Nationalise the pharmaceutical and medical supply industries under democratic workers' control and management, with compensation only on the basis of proven need
- For a socialist NHS and real freedom from fear of illness
- Save lives sack the Tories



Students London

Socialist solidarity from

Camden Unison readers of the Socialist

Full funding for council services!

May Day greetings from

Brackne

- Solidarity with all workers in struggle
- For a trade union led movement against austerity
- We will not pay the price of Covid-19



BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL



sends Mayday greetings to workers in struggle throughout the World

May Day greetings from Spelthorne Independent Labour group

- For truth, justice and equality!
 Fighting for all suffering poverty, racism and oppression
 - Solidarity

Southampton & South West Hampshire



sends May Day greetings and stands in solidarity with sacked RMT bus driver, Declan Clune, and all trade unionists victimised for defending health and safety and their members' jobs!

Brighton Unemployed Workers Centre Ltd

- politics of New Labour. Restore the whip to eremy Corbyn: Sack Starmer! • We say: reject the false antisemitism
- Coronavirus has demonstrated that
- Oppose all benefit cuts and attacks on the employed, unemployed and disabled
 No to privatisation and imperialism's

- For international socialism

Revolution is the key greetings from **Avenue Locksmith** Southampton, **Mike Marx**



May Day greetings from socialists working in the health and social care system in Bucks for a 15% pay rise for all health and social care workers



Truth about Zane

Zane's mummy and daddy would like to thank you all for your ongoing support on this, the 7th May Day since we lost Zane. The death of a child with nerve agent in their home should not, and can not, be overlooked. The death of a child in this way should not be political, this is about humanity, and a fair and open society. No family should tuck their children into bed at night, and fear whether they will be alive in the morning.

There are lots of ways people can help the Gbangbola family get justice including pre ordering a copy of Zane's book TruthAboutZane £20. TruthAboutZane.co.uk

Solidarity May Day greetings



Branch secretary Tommy Murphy A special mention to Mick Cotter, our branch chair, who we sadly lost last year



Socialist Party Southern & South East

Aylesbury, Basingstoke, Brighton, Kent, Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Southampton, **Staines**

RIMIT BEINGTATE DECLANCE SOUTHAMPTON BUS ENGERS AND COACH BRANCH





sends May Day greetings and a big thank you to the workers' newspaper that is always on our side - the Socialist

Surrey County Unison branch

sends warm solidarity greetings to readers of the Socialist newspaper on International Workers' Day 2021





- Workers must not be made to pay for the Covid crisis
- Smash the pay freeze. Fair pay for Covid care, a working from home allowance and a £15-an-hour minimum wage
- Celebrate diversity and fight discrimination jobs and homes not racism
- accessibility is a right not a privilege
- Labour councils must make a stand against cuts and privatisation
- For socialist planning to reverse climate change
- For solidarity at home and internationally

This greeting was funded by generous donations from the following branch activists:

(all in a personal capacity)

Lisa Allen - Teaching Assistant and School Rep
Tracy Baker - Schools Convenor
Jan Callender - Branch Employed
Office Manager (celebrating 40 years with UNISON)
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Life-Long Learning Coordinator
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Vikki Walton Cole - Equalities a
Disability Officer
Sheila Wright - workplace rep a
Surrey Choices

And several anonymous donations

■ A special mention here of all those activists we have lost over the years, including our exbranch secretary lan MacDonald who died in 2009 and our retired care home rep Sandra Ayliffe (who we lost to Covid at the start of the pandemic).



Socialist Party Wales

Caerphilly, Cardiff East, Cardiff West, Newport, Swansea and West Wales Agitate, educate, organise
Special May Day greetings and solidarity from

NE/EC/2

Hull

We salute the sacrifices of workers during the pandemic, with many paying the ultimate price.

After the heroic sacrifices made we must make sure the working class does not pay for the Covid crisis.

It's time for the unions to step up to the mark and organise to agitate and educate workers in their fight for social change!



Struggle – solidarity – socialism



Solidarity from Socialist Party members and supporters in

University and College Union

Readers of the Socialist in South Leeds Labour Party supporting socialist policies

May Day greetings from readers of the Socialist in Carmarthenshire











May Day greetings from

Leeds Trades Council



KILL THE BILL



Leeds and Wakefield Unite Community



- Extend the £20 to all benefits
- Kill the Bill



Socialist Party Yorkshire

Grimsby and Scunthorpe, Hull, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield and Pontefract, York

Solidarity with NHS & care workers



- Fight for a 15% pay rise
 - Renationalise and rebuild our NHS!

May Day greetings from

Unite Community Cumbria



May Day greetings from

Unite NE/408/26 Newcastle Hospitals branch



Unite NE/408/26 Newcastle Hospitals branch sends solidarity greetings to all workers across Britain and the world. We mourn the loss of every worker who determinedly delivered services during the preventable pandemic. Our

hearts and minds are with all those left behind.

We resolve to remember the dead and continue to fight for the living, demanding full PPE, testing, vaccination, complete renationalisation of our NHS, a 15% pay rise for all NHS staff, a £15 minimum wage for all workers, elimination of zero-hour contracts, and direct employment for all who seek it.



Teesside

May Day greetings from

Unite the Union EM/LE04 SPS Technologies





Unite the Union members at EM/LE04 SPS
Technologies Leicester Branch would like
to thank the Socialist newspaper for their
support and for spreading the word about
our 'fire and rehire' strike action over the last
few weeks.

May Day greetings from

Doctors in Unite

Remembering all workers who have lost their lives or still suffering from Covid. May Day greetings to everyone fighting for safe workplaces and a fully funded, publicly owned, democratically run NHS.

May Day greetings from



- Vote Clare Wilkins in Nuthall and Kimberley Division for Nottinghamshire County Council elections
- No to austerity, no to cuts
- The working class cannot pay for the Covid Crisis!

Promoted by Clare Wilkins, Flat 20, Hassall court, Long Acre, Bingham, Notts, NG13 8BS



- For a fighting democratic unionEnd the public sector pay freeze
- Action not words!

Unite Nottinghamshire Health Branch



Cost of failed privatised Test-and-Trace
= £37 billion

15% /£3,000 pay rise for hammered NHS staff = < £1billion

May Day greetings from

Unite East Midlands Area Activist Committee

Solidarity and May Day Greetings to all workers across the world from the Unite East Midlands Nottingham Area Activists Committee. We fight on Comrades!



Socialist Party East Midlands

Chesterfield, Derby, Leicester, Lincolnshire, Mansfield, Northampton, Nottingham





May Day greetings from

Leicester NEU members

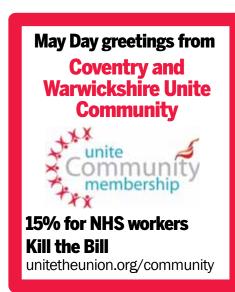
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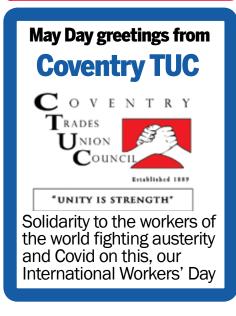
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Martin Powell Davies for a campaigning socialist NEU deputy general secretary.







Coventry, Nuneaton, South East Staffs, Stoke, Birmingham North, Birmingham S.East, Birmingham S. West, **Black County,** Shropshire, Worcester







Simon Crew





Exeter and district **Trades Union Council**





May Day greetings from



Cambridge, Essex, Watford, Ipswich, Stevenage

May Day greetings from

THE LIVERPOOL 47 GROUP OF COUNCILLORS 1983-87

Still standing as a magnificent example to those Labour councils who carry out every cut demanded by the Tories.

- We refused to cut and fought back successfully for resources which Thatcher had stolen from Liverpool
- Labour councils should refuse to implement any further Tory austerity, and demand extra funding for pandemic provision now and permanent services afterwards

Our record includes:
5,000 NEW HOUSES BUILT
SIX NEW SPORTS CENTRES
2,000 NEW JOBS AND EXISTING JOBS SAVED
£60 MILLION WON BACK FROM THE TORIES

Remembering Tony Mulhearn and all comrades who have passed away

Merseyside

Pensioners

Association

Fighting for pensioners and all

who come after us

health and safety
Support the unorganise

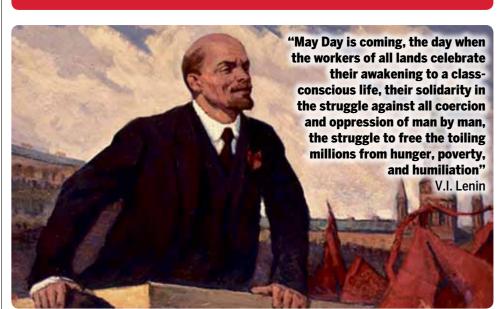
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Ipswich and

District TUC

May Day greetings to all workers from Stevenage and District Trades Council



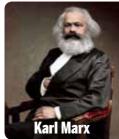


Basildion and Thurrock TUC

Victory to Thurrock refuse workers!

the **Socialist**

The Socialist editorial team fondly remembers longstanding Socialist Party full-time organisers **Ken Douglas** and **Mick Cotter** - who died in 2020 - and the important contributions they made in building the party (see obituaries at socialistparty.org.uk)



Workers of all lands, unite!



task of
the Fourth
International lies
not in reforming
capitalism but in
its overthrow"
- Leon Trotsky

Stop the Tories' fraudulent Integrated Care System proposals!

UNITE NW/11500 LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY BRANCH







No cuts!

■ No privatisation! ■ Defend the NHS!

May Day greetings from



Socialist Party North West Region

Lancashire, Manchester and Salford, Liverpool and District, West Cheshire

UNITE NW/127404



May Day greetings and solidarity with all workers in struggle in the fight against privatisation, deregulation and the anti-trade union laws

Revolutionary greetings from THE COMMITTEE FOR A **WORKERS' INTERNATIONAL**

Fighting for genuine Marxism, and working-class struggle for socialist revolution across the world.

The Covid-19 pandemic shows the exhaustion of the capitalist system, and its utter inability to deliver for working people.

Build a workers' alternative - fight for socialism - join the CWI!

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CWI Nigeria Democratic Socialist Movement



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CWI Malaysia Socialist Alternatif



CWI France Gauche Révolutionnaire



CWI Germany Sozialistische Organisation Solidarität (Sol)



CWI South Africa Marxist Workers Party



CWI Sri Lanka United Socialist Party



CWI India New Socialist Alternative



United States Independent Socialist Group



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