

FOR LGBTQ+ LIBERATION

UNITE & FIGHT DISCRIMINATION & CLASS OPPRESSION OF CAPITALISM

A PROGRAMME TO BUILD MASS UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST LGBTPHOBIA AND CAPITALISM:

- Build a mass movement to smash LGBTphobia. Fight back against divide and rule and fight for the resources we need
- Defend the right to protest. Kill the anti-protest bill
- Unite against austerity – fight for councils to set no-cuts budgets and fight the Tories for funding for social care, youth services, domestic violence services and all the services we all need
- Organise for workers' control of workplace safety - the bosses only put their profits first
- Kick big business out of our health service. Democratic and accountable committees of representatives of service workers and users and the wider working class to run public services for all
- No trust in capitalist politicians - build a new mass workers' party to represent the interests of the 99% not the 1%
- Take the wealth off the 1%! Nationalise the top industries and banks under democratic working-class control and management to lay the basis to democratically plan the economy to meet the needs of all and the environment
- Fight for a socialist alternative to the poverty, racism and crisis of capitalism. Socialist solidarity with the youth and workers around the world fighting against discrimination, war, poverty and capitalism

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It is clear, the Tories are no allies of LGBTQ+ people. The attempts at whipping up a "culture war" over trans rights, sexism and racism show they are trying to distract from their disastrous handling of the covid crisis with divide and rule rhetoric.

In 2016, the Tories initiated a debate about whether to review the Gender Recognition Act (GRA) 2004, and make it easier for trans people to self-identify. The then government of David Cameron hoped to cut across the hatred of the Tories with this measure. Cameron's hopes were as doomed as his political career.

GENDER RECOGNITION

The current law requires trans people to get a doctor's diagnosis of gender dysphoria, to 'prove' they have lived as their gender for two years, and to seek a recommendation from an unelected and unaccountable committee. The Socialist Party opposes this medicalisation of the process, as well as the financial cost to individuals. We support the right of self-identification

The Socialist Party warned that these legal changes would not be delivered by the Tories - and that they weren't enough. A struggle for trans' rights is needed.

And it must also include a fight for the services required by trans people, women, BAME people and all those who suffer from capitalism's inability to provide a decent life for all; a fight for a fully funded NHS and social care, council

housing, free education, and an end to poverty pay and precarious working.

The corona crisis has revealed the Tories to be incapable of putting society's health and needs before big business profit. With capitalist crisis threatening mass youth unemployment, and the university system in chaos, winning the political support of young people is off the agenda for the Tories.

Boris Johnson, like Donald Trump did in the US, is therefore largely appealing to those he can mobilise with fear and division in an attempt to maintain a base for his weak and divided party. The toxic debate the Tories opened up is undoubtedly a factor in the recent rises in the rate of LGBT+ hate crime, including violence against trans people.

SOLIDARITY NOT HATE

Tory hate must be countered with solidarity. That is the lesson of the protests against the sexist murder of Sarah Everard, the Black Lives Matter protests last year, and of the original Stonewall protests 51 years ago. That trans' rights are even under discussion, is largely down to the courage of trans workers and young people who have had no choice but to fight.

The BLM movement showed that workers and young people can have the confidence to fight back. We must unite to smash the inequality, discrimination and class oppression of capitalism.

The capitalist class attempts to divide the working class along gender, race,

religious and sexual orientation lines. This is in order to make exploiting us easier. But because we produce the wealth, the working class has enormous potential power. If we strike in big enough numbers we can stop society. If we want to be able to end all forms of discrimination and oppression, we have to remove the grip of the capitalist class from the running of society.

The fight for liberation from discrimination is part of the struggle for socialism.

Capitalism is an international system. That is why the Socialist Party is part of a worldwide struggle for socialism. We are affiliated to the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI) linking up with socialist fighters across the world, learning from each other, and fighting for Marxist ideas. Wherever we organise our members help build the maximum unity of working class and young people in the struggle to defend living conditions and fight for a socialist alternative to capitalism.

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