

TOGETHER WE CAN WIN KICK OUT THE TORIES!

The summer strike wave has turned into a hot autumn. On 1 October alone there will be the biggest coordination yet in the 2022 wave of struggle against the cost-of-living crisis, involving around 170,000 workers.

The early autumn strikes include:

- CWU in Royal Mail 30 September and 1 October
- RMT, Aslef, TSSA and Unite on the railways on 1 October
- Liverpool dockers are taking two weeks of strike action ending on 3 October; Felixstowe dockers are striking from 27 September to 5 October
- Unison members in universities and UCU members in FE colleges are taking weeks of action
- BT CWU members on 6, 10, 20 and 24 October
- Plus many local strikes of Unite members, NEU members and more
- **Royal Mail has viciously ratcheted up attacks on its workers. In response, CWU has announced 19 further days of action throughout the autumn.**
- And public sector unions are balloting

The Socialist Party says:

- All strike together for a real pay rise! The TUC must step up and organise to coordinate action
- If the Tories try to implement their new anti-trade union plans, they must be met with a 24-hour general strike
- The TUC should launch an appeal to build a massive strike fund to assist those unions on the front line
- Kick out the Tories
- Starmer's New Labour doesn't speak for us: fight for a new working-class party
- Nationalise rail, mail, energy and utilities under democratic working-class control and management, with compensation only on the basis of proven need
- Take the wealth off the super-rich. For a socialist alternative to capitalism's poverty and crisis

The National Shop Stewards Network is holding a pre-congress Action Summit on Sunday 16 October in Brighton, just before the re-convened TUC congress. It is an opportunity for strikers and those preparing for action to come together and discuss how to step up the fight. This will be a hybrid meeting - see the NSSN website for zoom details.

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TORIES ACCELERATE CAPITALIST CRISIS AND CLASS WAR

Not only will the Tory budget promote Britain to pole position as the most unequal country in Europe, it will accelerate the existing crises of the cost of living, of the Tory party itself, and of British capitalism.

Sterling fell to its lowest value against the dollar since the dollar was created in 1792, and fell against other currencies.

And that's how the capitalist finance markets reacted – markets whose freedom to wreak havoc is fully supported by Tory and New Labour ideology.

From the poor to the rich

The so-called mini-budget is an orgy of unbridled redistribution: upwards, from the working class and poorest to the already obscenely wealthy.

The false claims to 'national unity' and 'levelling up' were killed and buried on 23 September and a declaration of class war was issued.

The wealthiest 10% of the population will receive almost half of the gains from the budget – the bosses of Royal Mail, the train operating companies, privateer port bosses in Felixstowe and Liverpool and all of the fat cats trying to impose below-inflation pay rises on workers.

Not to mention scrapping the cap on bankers' bonuses and all sorts of bungs to billionaires.

Strikes

Each of the strikes taking place now has to be fought for a victory. That includes stepping up in

the face of vicious Royal Mail bosses massively upping the ante against their workforce by tearing up national agreements and imposing savage changes.

But a general mass working-class response must also be organised to defend living standards and get the Tories out.

Anti-union laws

That starts with real concrete steps to coordinate and escalate the strikes, preparing to defeat the implementation of the new anti-trade union laws aimed at preventing strikes at all. The biggest coordinated strikes of this wave taking place on 1 October, shows what's possible and what needs to be built.

The multiple crises and the clear perspective for things to deteriorate contain all the ingredients for the already-split Tory party to implode.

Starmer's Labour safe for big business

The Labour treasury team has had about 250 meetings with CEOs of major companies, who are now so eager to talk to the opposition that tickets sold out for a business meeting with the shadow cabinet.

How many Tory MPs will leave their sinking ship, and when they'll jump, is not yet clear, but the Starmer life boats are at the ready.

With Starmer's New Labour lining itself up as a safe pair of hands for the bosses, steps towards building a new workers' party with a socialist programme

that defends working-class interests must be part of the response to this budget.

Socialist democratic planning

The urgency of organising and fighting for a socialist alternative based on democratic planning of the economy by the working class is growing.

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