

# 1 MAY INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

**M**ay Day is an annual celebration of workers' struggle against capitalism. And workers have been doing just that in the fantastic strike waves of the last few years, with millions of workers taking strike action and fighting back.

May Day's origins lie in the general strike for an eight-hour working day, put down by police gunfire in Chicago in 1886, and in the foundation of the Second International, bringing together revolutionary socialists around the world in 1889. Its history shows 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. There has been a fantastic response to our campaign. We have once again received pledges totalling over £8,500, represented by 94 greetings across 12 pages.

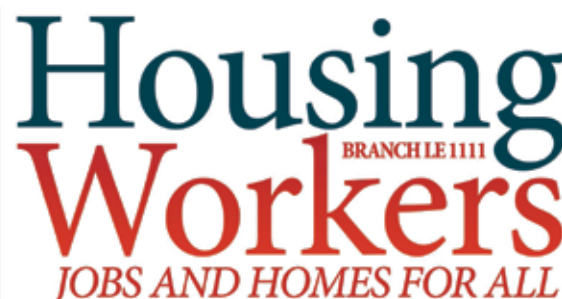
Scott Jones,  
May Day greetings organiser



## Workers' struggle for a socialist alternative to cuts and war

### May Day greetings from

**Striking Sanctuary housing workers fighting for pay and union recognition!**





the **Activist** - bulletin of Socialist Party members in

**U** **USDAW**

- Nationalise failing retailers to save jobs
- Minimum wage of £15 an hour
- Retail workers need a fighting and democratic union

usdawactivist.wordpress.com

May Day greetings from



**Usdaw**  
**Broad Left**

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



**Vote Marion Lloyd for president and for a fighting leadership on the NEC and groups**

See [socialistparty.org.uk/PCScandidates2024](http://socialistparty.org.uk/PCScandidates2024) and read 'PCS elections: Choose a fighting democratic union' at [socialistparty.org.uk](http://socialistparty.org.uk) for more

Socialist Party members in


# UNISON

the public service union



The following Socialist Party members are standing for election in the Unison service group elections

- Helen Couchman, Community
- Mathew John, Local government
- Angie Waller, Local government
- Steve Bell, Health
- Adrian O'Malley, Health




Socialist Party members in the NEU

Solidarity with educators across the world

Fight for a socialist world free from poverty

Educate, agitate, organise

May Day greetings from Committee for a Workers' International members in



## End academisation

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

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

- Comprehensive and progressive
- Democratically accountable to local communities
- Fully funded and inclusive

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

Twitter: @antiacademies  
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"A good local school for every child"

May Day greetings from Socialist Party members in the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers



**LE/0375M**  
**Doctors in Unite**

- May Day greetings to all health workers and NHS campaigners
- Standing up for doctors
- Fighting for the NHS
- [www.doctorsinunite.com](http://www.doctorsinunite.com)



May Day greetings from

**socialist students**



**For student and workers' unity against war, cuts and capitalism!**

[socialiststudents.org.uk](http://socialiststudents.org.uk)

Socialist Party members on the NSSN steering committee




send May Day greetings to the Socialist

Solidarity from Socialist Party members and supporters in



University and College Union



**TAMIL SOLIDARITY**  
For the rights of workers & all oppressed people in Sri Lanka

May Day greetings from

## Tamil Solidarity

For a working-class alternative to war, national oppression and poverty

Defend the right to self-determination for the Tamil-speaking people

## MULLIVAICAL EXHIBITION

A SHOWCASE OF MEMORIES FROM MULLIVAICAL AND THE GLOBAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN 2009



**FREE ENTRY**

Honouring and Remembering the lives lost in the Mullivaikal genocide and the global Tamil resistance in 2009


**11 & 12 May 2024**

**MANOR PARK HALL, MALDEN ROAD, NEW MALDEN KT3 6AU**

**12PM-7PM**

[WWW.TAMILSOLIDARITY.ORG](http://WWW.TAMILSOLIDARITY.ORG)





**May Day greetings from Bracknell Unite**

**Solidarity with all workers in struggle!  
For an end to war, terror and oppression!  
United we stand, divided we fall!**



**Unite Community Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire sends international solidarity greetings to workers across the world**




**SAVE OUR SERVICES IN SURREY**

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




**May Day greetings from South East Kent TUC**



**Southampton and South West Hampshire TUC**

**No to war and austerity - for workers' unity and socialism**



**Brighton Hove and District TUC**

- May Day Greetings to the workers of the world
- Solidarity with the Palestinian people!
- Fight the anti-union laws!
- Stop the attacks on civil liberties!



**Greetings from Southern & South East Socialist Party**

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

**Brighton Unemployed Workers Centre Ltd**

brings May Day greetings to all those fighting poverty, racism, imperialism and oppression

- We reject any return to austerity or to the politics of New Labour. Reject Starmer's witch-hunt. Restore the whip to Jeremy Corbyn: Sack Starmer!
- Liberation for the Palestinians, opposition to Zionism and apartheid Israel
- Coronavirus has demonstrated that cuts to the NHS and privatisation has caused thousands of deaths
- Oppose all benefit cuts and attacks on employed, unemployed and disabled people
- No to imperialism's wars – Abolish NATO
- Fighting poverty amidst plenty
- For international socialism

Bill North - chairperson; Andy Richards - secretary; Tony Greenstein - treasurer; Val Cane PO Box 173, Brighton BN51 9EZ; brightonunemployedcentre2000@yahoo.co.uk; 07843 350 343

May Day greetings from



**May Day greetings from Mike Marx, handyman - hammering the Tories!**

# May Day Greetings from activists in Surrey County Unison branch



- Smash the cost-of-living crisis - for an inclusive, cross-sector pay campaign - no-one left behind!
- Fight for a £15 an hour minimum wage in Local Government, Health, Private and Community employers
- Agitate, Educate and Organise - challenge the mainstream austerity narrative
- Celebrate diversity and fight discrimination - jobs and homes not racism - access is a right not a privilege
- Stop the cuts in Woking! Trade unionists and socialists making a stand
- Socialist planning to reverse climate change
- Fight for Zane's Law and the Truth About Zane ([www.truthaboutzane.com](http://www.truthaboutzane.com))
- For solidarity - at home and internationally
- Ceasefire now! End the genocide in Gaza!
- No to war in Ukraine - no to NATO expansion

- This greeting was funded by generous donations from the following branch activists and staff:**
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- Plus several anonymous donations from branch and regional activists



May Day greetings and solidarity to all workers from Unite London Digital & Tech branch including all tech workers internationally



Calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza now and solidarity with Diane Abbot and all those resisting racism wherever it occurs



RMT Piccadilly and District Line West

Socialist Party supporters in Hounslow Unison



Waltham Forest Trades Council sends May Day greetings to the people of Gaza and the West Bank



We say:

- Stop the genocide!
- Stop the assault on Rafah!
- Not war! ■ For workers' unity!
- Freedom for Palestine!



Solidarity from Fenland Unite Community - Peterborough, Wisbech & King's Lynn



Greetings from Eastern Socialist Party

Cambs ★ Stevenage ★ Watford ★ Essex ★ Ipswich



Ealing Trades Council Solidarity to workers everywhere

Solidarity from Hillingdon TUC



Greetings from London Socialist Party

Newham & East London ★ Hackney & Islington ★ Waltham Forest ★ Hillingdon ★ Camden & Haringey ★ Enfield & Lea Valley ★ West London ★ Tower Hamlets ★ Lambeth & South West London ★ South East London ★ Croydon & Sutton

Unite LE/1228 Waltham Forest

sends May Day greetings. Fight council cuts and redundancies! Demand that a future Labour government fully fund public services!

Fraternal greetings to all workers from Stevenage & District Trades Union Council



May Day greetings from

Unite Barts Health workers branch

LE/7384L



- May Day greetings from fighting-back Unite health worker members at Bart's NHS Trust
- Cleaners, catering workers, security and porters, after six months of strike action for the Covid lump sum and balloting again, say:

We have a message for Barts and NHS England bosses: Pay up now! No to inequality and discrimination! For a fully funded democratically run NHS!

Hackney trade unionists send May Day greetings to workers of the world

We say no to Hackney Council's cuts to children's centres and all cuts to services and Israel's war on Gaza

We say yes to a world free of poverty, profit and injustice

This advert is sponsored by the following in a personal capacity:

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Croydon Trades Union Council



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May Day greetings from NEU Newham



The Barking Reach Residents Association sends May Day greetings for International Workers Day to the Socialist newspaper, which has always supported and reported on our campaigns over the years

- We demand a walk-in GP service for our healthy new town
- Abolish leasehold
- Abolish tax haven-based landlords who are grabbing ground rent for hedge funds
- Nationalise the top ten homebuilders profiteering from building unsafe and poorly finished properties
- Housing Associations to end the 30-60 minute call centre wait times and fix issues swiftly
- Councils have failed to stop the decades-long drift to deregulation and unsafe homes. They must engage in a mass home-building programme of genuinely affordable, safe and secure, good-quality homes. Residents must hold them to account
- Nationalise the insurance and energy industry to provide green solutions for energy that in turn imparts an affordable service charge to residents
- Sprinklers to be retrofitted into all blocks owned by large landlords such as Adriatic/Bellway, at the landlords' or builders' expense



Hackney Trades Council sends Mayday greetings to all workers fighting the cost-of-living crisis. We totally oppose the continued bombardment of Gaza by the Israeli state

Basildon & Thurrock TUC

Working-class solidarity in the community



Newham Trades Union Council



Solidarity May Day greetings London GPM print branch LE/7031L

- For solidarity and socialism throughout the world
- Tim Colgan Branch Chair
- Tom Murphy Branch Secretary





**May Day greetings from Plymouth NEU**

**BFAWU Kernow sends lashings of solidarity to all trade union members and all socialists on May Day**

**Special thanks to Plymouth Socialist Party and TUSC for its ongoing support**

**May Day greetings from Devon Unite Community**

**May Day greetings from Highworth Climate Talks**

**May Day Greetings from Swindon Palestine Solidarity Free Palestine!**

**Greetings from South West Socialist Party**

Bristol North and South  
 ★ Dorset ★ Cornwall ★ Gloucestershire ★ Devon ★ Plymouth ★ Somerset ★ Swindon ★ Salisbury

**Gloucester Trades Council - for a socialist future**

**Cirencester College** socialist students

**New College Swindon** socialist students

**May Day greetings from Bristol and Gloucester Area Unite Community branch**

**May Day Greetings**

We join with our comrades across the world, many under occupation, starvation, flooding or drought. All workers should have the right to self-determination, to lead a life free from death and oppression. We need better homes, better jobs and a right to a safe and secure environment. We've been proud to march on dems against the attacks on Gaza and send solidarity greetings to all socialists and those concerned with the world situation.

**Bristol Trades Council**

**Victory to the Tata Steel Workers!**

**SOLIDARITY FROM**

**Caerphilly Trades Council**

**Swansea Trades Council**

**Nationalisation not devastation - solidarity with the steel workers**

**May Day greetings from Cardiff Trades Council**

**Fighting all anti-union employers in Cardiff**

**Greetings from Socialist Party Wales**

Caerphilly ★ Rhondda Cynon Taff ★ Cardiff East & West ★ Newport ★ Swansea & West Wales

**Solidarity from Carmarthenshire County Union supporters**

**May Day solidarity from Coventry TUC**

**Stop the cuts Stop the war on Gaza**

**Solidarity to all workers and stop arming Israel**

**May Day greetings from the Unite WM/6050 Tom Mann Coventry and Warwickshire Local branch**

**From supporters in Swansea retired members branch - 'retired from work but not from the class struggle!'**

**May Day greetings from Coventry Unite Community Alice Arnold branch**

**End war in Gaza now! Fight anti-trade union laws! Support Amazon workers!**

**Unite Birmingham South Local WM/6030 sends May Day greetings to workers around the world**

- End austerity policies
- End Israeli genocide
- For a socialist world based on international solidarity

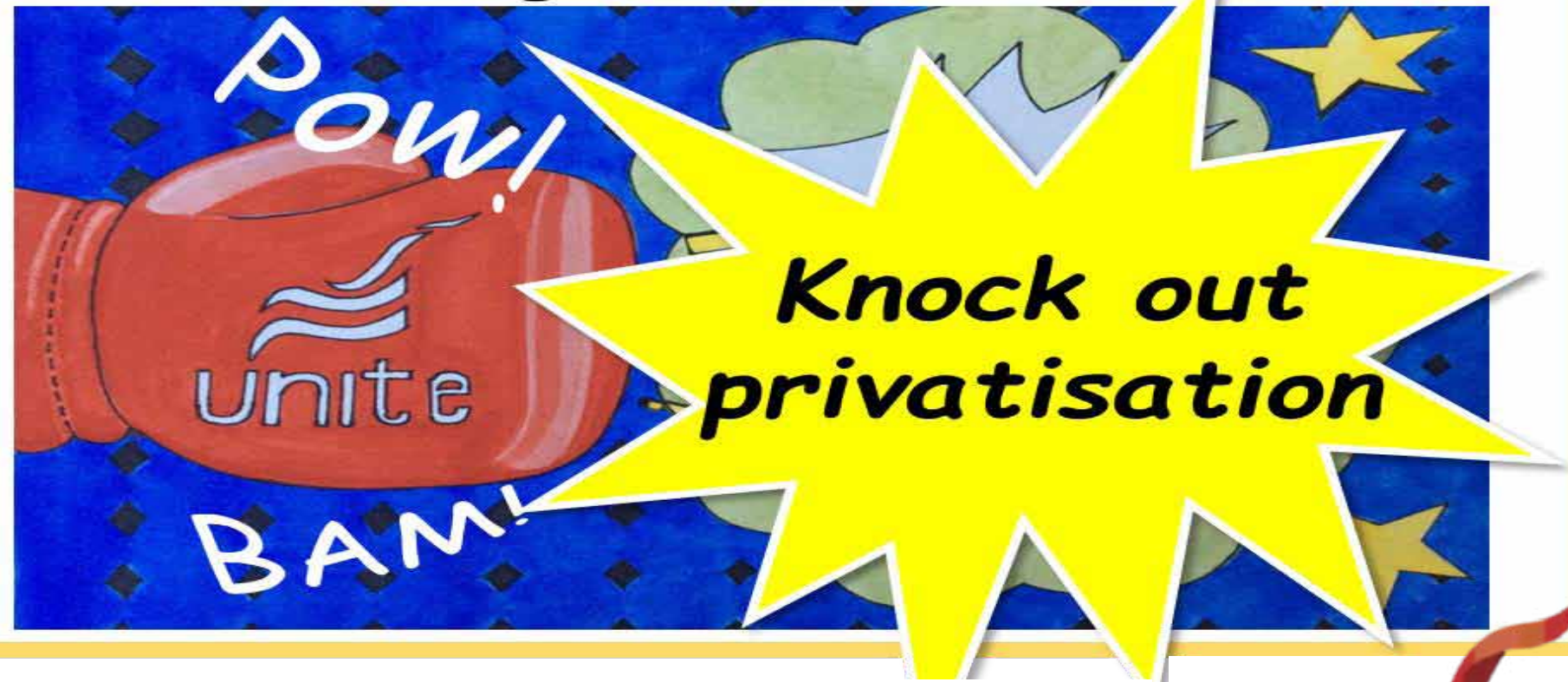
**Greetings from West Mids Socialist Party**

Coventry ★ Nuneaton ★ Stoke ★ South East Staffs ★ Birmingham North, South, Central ★ Bromsgrove ★ Black Country ★ Shropshire ★ Worcester



# May Day Greetings

## Unite Nottinghamshire Health Branch



- Restore our NHS - end privatisation and profiteering
- Keep the NHS free to all, including migrant workers and refugees
- Fund the NHS to meet need
- Decent wages for all health workers
- Abolish student fees
- Abolish Private Finance Initiative - draining money needed for patient care



Greetings from East Mids Socialist Party

Chesterfield ★ Derby ★  
 Leicester ★ Lincolnshire  
 ★ Mansfield ★  
 Northampton ★  
 Nottingham

Solidarity  
 and May Day  
 greetings from  
 Bill and Marilyn  
 Buchanan,  
 Nottingham

Socialist Party members in East Midlands  
 National Pensioners' Convention

Fighting for our lives  
 Fighting for your future



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



May Day greetings from Liverpool and District Socialist Party branch - forward to a new workers' party!

May Day greetings from Merseyside Construction and Civil Engineering branch

Solidarity with the people of Gaza, ceasefire now!



May Day greetings to readers of the Socialist from



- Fighting for unemployed, disabled and retired people, and exploited working class communities!
- Ceasefire in Gaza now! End genocide!
- Total opposition to NHS cuts and privatisation!
- Solidarity with all workers in struggle!
- Climate change is a trade union issue!
- Time to end this squalid capitalist system!

May Day greetings from

Cheshire Unite Community Branch (NW100/C3)



Greetings from North West Socialist Party

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





**Hull and District Trades Council and Unity Shop**

**Workers of the world unite**

**Supporting workers in and outside the workplace**





**Greetings from Yorkshire Socialist Party**

Grimsby and Scunthorpe ★  
 Hull ★ Sheffield SE & NW ★  
 South Yorkshire ★ Bradford ★  
 Leeds ★ Wakefield and Pontefract ★ York

**May Day greetings from Yorkshire Youth Fight for Jobs**

**YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS**




May Day greetings from **Leeds, Wakefield and York Unite Community**

Save UK steel  
 Energy 4 all



**May Day greetings from Hull and East Riding NEU to workers of the world**



Leeds Trades Union Council March and Rally

**MAY DAY MARCH FOR PEACE**

Saturday 4th May

Assemble 11.30 ready to march 12 noon

Outside Leeds City Art Gallery, Victoria Gardens, The Headrow, LS1 3AA




**May Day greetings from readers of the Socialist in Leeds Labour Party**



**Greetings from Northern Socialist Party**

Carlisle ★ Newcastle ★  
 South Tyne and Wearside ★ Teesside



**Workers of all lands, unite!**

May Day greetings from **Unite Community Cumbria**

