

# 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 £9,500, represented by 95 greetings across 12 pages.

**Scott Jones,**  
May Day greetings organiser

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



Socialist Party members on the NSSN steering committee



send May Day greetings to the Socialist

**Greetings from West Mids Socialist Party**

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

**Solidarity with the Birmingham bin workers. Victory to the strikers!**

May Day greetings from

### Coventry TUC

Established 1889

**"UNITY IS STRENGTH"**

- Welfare not warfare
- Solidarity with strikers
- End the war on Gaza
- Rally Saturday 3 May, 12 noon, Broadgate, Coventry

**Welfare not warfare. Solidarity with the Birmingham bin workers!**

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

**Alice Arnold Branch Coventry and Warwickshire Unite Community**

sends May Day greetings 2025

End the genocide in Gaza  
Ofgem has failed, public ownership now  
End cuts to public services

**Unite Birmingham South Local WM/6030**

sends May Day greetings to workers around the world



**Unite Nottinghamshire Health Branch**

**Knock out privatisation**

- Greetings on International Workers' Day to all trade unionists and NHS campaigners
- Step up the fight for a fully funded, democratically run NHS
- Pay all NHS staff a decent wage
- Abolish student fees and replace with bursaries at a living rate
- End privatisation - bring all outsourced services back into NHS control
- No more profiteering from healthcare - nationalise pharmaceutical and medical supply industries, with compensation only where proven need

**EM/NG32 Nottinghamshire Health branch**

theActivist - bulletin of Socialist Party members in

**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**

Usdaw Broad Left ADM  
Social Monday 5 May 2025,  
7:00-11:55 PM  
Hotel and Apartments Social Club,  
Coronation Street,  
Blackpool, FY1 4QQ

**national education union**

Socialist Party members in the NEU

Solidarity with educators across the world

Fight for a socialist world free from poverty

Educate, agitate, organise

Solidarity from Socialist Party members and supporters in

**UCU**  
University and College Union

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

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 trade unionists and NHS campaigners from Doctors in Unite
- Patients before profits - fight corporate/state violence, big pharma and big tech!

**Greetings from East Mids Socialist Party**

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

May Day greetings from Unite East Midlands Area Activist Committee

May Day greetings from Notts Trades Council

**TRADES UNION COUNCILS**

Solidarity to workers across the world on International Workers' Day

**Unite the Union EM/LE04 SPS Technologies, Leicester**

Happy May Day greetings to the backbone of our society. All hard working individuals who make it all possible

May Day greetings from

**socialist students**

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

socialiststudents.org.uk

**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

**Socialist Party members in**

# UNISON

**the public service union**

The following Socialist Party members are standing for election for the Unison NEC

- April Ashley, Black members female seat
- Balaka Fell-Holden, London reserved seat
- Jim McFarlane, Scotland general seat
- Eve Miller, West Midlands reserved seat
- Adrian O'Malley, Health general seat
- Amy Sage, Police, Probation and Cafcass female seat
- Ellie Waple, Disabled members female seat

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

**Vote Marion Lloyd for president and for a fighting NEC**


Scan for full slate of candidates

Or search 'PCS' must fight Starmer's cuts' at socialistsparty.org.uk

May Day greetings from

**Housing Workers**  
BRANCH LE 1111  
JOBS AND HOMES FOR ALL





**Southampton and South West Hampshire TUC**

Repeal all the Tory anti-union laws. Resist Labour's austerity - welfare not warfare

**End capitalism - for international socialism**

**Surrey University socialist society** **socialist students**




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



**Brighton Hove and District Trades Council**

- May Day greetings and solidarity to all workers fighting against austerity and war
- Repeal ALL the anti-union laws!
- Free Palestine!



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

Aldershot & North Hants ★ Aylesbury ★ Brighton & Crawley ★ Guildford & Surrey ★ Kent & East Sussex ★ Oxford ★ Portsmouth & IOW ★ Reading ★ Southampton

**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.
- Liberation for the Palestinians, opposition to Zionism and apartheid Israel
- 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



**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 **TOWNSEND THEATRE PRODUCTIONS**



**Let's hammer New Labour!**

**Portwood Handyman Mike Marx, Southampton, 07507585825**

# May Day Greetings from activists in Surrey County Unison branch



Unison activists at a branch development day in March

- **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**
- **Solidarity with trans and gender diverse people**
- **Stop the cuts in local government! Trade unionists and socialists need to stand**
- **Local government reorganisation is an attack on**


- democracy**
- **Socialist planning to reverse climate change**
- **Fight for Zane's Law and the Truth About Zane (www.truthaboutzane.com)**
- **For working-class solidarity - at home and internationally**
- **Solidarity with the #EndBadGovernance protests in Nigeria**
- **Ceasefire now! End the genocide in Gaza! Stop arming Israel!**
- **No to war in Ukraine - no to NATO expansion**
- **For a mass trade union-led demonstration against Trump when he visits the UK**

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  - Nicolae Ciupitu, Education Officer
  - Alan Clyne, Adults Services Convenor
  - Chris Collins, Rep in Youth Services
  - Helen Couchman, Community Service Group Convenor
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  - Liz Nabadda, Rep in Adults Services
  - Andy Pattinson, Joint Branch Chair and H&S Officer
  - Tanya San Juan, Branch Employed Caseworker/Organiser
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  - Joe Trigo, Rep in Surrey Choices
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  - Ellie Waple, LGBT+ Members' Officer
  - Sheila Wright, Joint Retired Members' Secretary
  - Huma Younis, Joint Branch Chair and Co-Convenor
- And several anonymous donations.





**May Day greetings from Unite London Digital and Tech branch LE/7098L, standing in solidarity with all striking workers and supporting Welfare not Warfare**

**RMT Piccadilly and District Line West Defending our members' terms and conditions**



**Enfield Trades Union Council**  
Affiliations: enfieldtuc@hotmail.com



**May Day greetings from Socialist readers in Camden Unison**



**Waltham Forest Trades Council**

We say:

- Workers of all countries unite!
- Take the wealth off the 1%!
- No to Starmer's attacks on the disabled!
- Defend all refugees and migrants welcome here!
- Freedom for Palestine!
- For a socialist world free from war, poverty and discrimination!




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



**Basildon & Thurrock TUC**  
Working-class solidarity in the community



**Greetings from Eastern Socialist Party**  
Cambs ★ Stevenage ★ Watford ★ Essex



**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



**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



**Hackney Trades Council**  
sends May Day greetings to all workers internationally. We say no to Trump, Putin, Starmer and capitalism. Yes to socialism internationally



**Unite LE/1228 Waltham Forest Council Branch**  
sends May Day greetings to all workers. Councils to set no-cuts needs budgets! Fight all council cuts! Demand the Labour government fund public services!



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



**Welfare not warfare. Greetings from Ealing Trades Council**



**From Socialist Party supporters in Hounslow Trades Council - for a socialist future**




**May Day greetings and solidarity - Socialist Party supporters in Hounslow Unison**



**Solidarity from Hillingdon TUC**

**Hackney Trade Unionists send May Day greetings to workers of the world**



- We say no to Hackney Council's school closures and all cuts to services
- Victory to the Birmingham bin workers
- End Israeli genocide in Gaza
- We say yes to a world free of war poverty, profit, and injustice

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**May Day greetings from Queen Mary University**



**May Day greetings from NEU Newham**





**Croydon Trades Union Council**



**Newham Trades Union Council**

**May Day greetings from Unite Barts Health workers branch LE/7384L**

- Barts Unite health branch sends May Day greetings to the Socialist paper and all struggling workers and young people
- For united coordinated strike action for a real restorative wage increase in the NHS after 15 years of more than 35% real terms pay cuts
- End PFI - for a fully funded health service
- Nationalise big pharma and medical supply industries with compensation only on the basis of proven need - tax the rich
- For a massively expanded NHS under democratic workers' control and management
- Victory to the Unite Birmingham bin strikers
- Resist Labour austerity 2.0
- Workers of all countries unite



# Solidarity greetings from Unite SW/007 Gloucester District branch

To the striking phlebotomists at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, to the striking bin workers at Birmingham City Council and to all workers fighting for fair jobs, pay and conditions



BFAWU Kernow sends lashings of Cornish solidarity to all trade unionists and all socialists on May Day



We have strength in unity!



May Day greetings to all our trade union siblings 2025



Greetings from South West Socialist Party

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



May Day greetings from national education union Plymouth

May Day greetings from Highworth Climate Talks

## May Day greetings from Cardiff Trades Council



## Swansea Trades Council

Solidarity! Unite the struggles. Fight for public sector pay



May Day greetings from Socialist Party supporters in Carmarthenshire Unison



Greetings from Socialist Party Wales  
Caerphilly ★ Rhondda Cynon Taff ★ Cardiff East & Central ★ Newport ★ Swansea & West Wales ★ Aberyswyth



NO CUTS! • NO CLOSURES!  
Save our Libraries & Leisure Centres!



May Day greetings from Bristol and Gloucester Area Unite Community



Greetings from readers of the Socialist in Swansea  
Unite retired members branch  
Restore our winter fuel allowance now!



May Day greetings to all comrades and supporters from Socialist Party members in Unite the Union, South East Wales. Fight austerity and the bosses system. Forward to Socialism!



May Day greetings from Devon Unite Community



socialist students  
May Day greetings from New College Swindon

socialist students  
May Day greetings from Aberystwyth Socialist Students

Cyfarchion Calan Mai i holl gymrodyr a chefnogwyr o Blaid Sosialaidd yn Uno'r Undeb, Cymru de-ddwyrain. Ymladd cyni a'r system y penaethiaid. Ymlaen at Sosialaeth!





May Day greetings from  
**Unite West Yorks  
and Humber  
Youth Workers  
& Not-for-Profit  
NE/403/15 branch**



Kingston-upon-Hull  
**For a properly  
funded education  
system with  
properly paid  
education workers**

May Day greetings and solidarity  
**Unite NE/SEC/2  
Hull branch**



**Solidarity with Birmingham bin  
workers who are at the forefront  
of the working class fightback.  
Unions need to step up to the tasks  
at hand to agitate, educate and  
organise workers to fight for the  
socialist change that we need.**

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



**Restore the Winter Fuel Allowance**

Leeds TUC Presents

**MAY DAY MARCH  
AND RALLY 2025**



**Together we can win!**

Assemble 11.30am Leeds City  
Art Gallery Saturday May 3rd.

Speakers: Richard Burgen MP  
Ellen Clifford - National DPAC  
Dave Pike - new Regional TUC secretary  
All welcome - bring your banners!



Greetings from Northern Socialist Party

**Carlisle ★ Tyne and  
Wear ★ Teesside**



May Day greetings from  
**Unite Community  
Cumbria branch**

**Fight Labour's cruel benefit cuts!**



May Day greetings from  
**Hull Unity Shop**  
**Solidarity not charity**



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**

May Day greetings from  
readers of the Socialist in

**South Leeds  
Labour Party**



May Day greetings from  
**RMT Leeds City**



**Hull and  
District  
Trades  
Council**

**May Day solidarity with  
all workers particularly  
those struggling against  
dictatorships.  
Drop the treason  
charges in Nigeria!**





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 austerity

## MAY DAY GREETINGS



Officers of Liverpool & Merseyside 0538 branch would like to show our solidarity on Worker's Memorial Day.

Worker's, past and present, struggle for the worker's of tomorrow.



Neill Dunne  
(Joint Secretary)

Alex Smith  
(Organiser)

Dean Young  
Conor O'Neill  
(Youth Officers)



Unite Liverpool and Merseyside 0538 branch.  
Oldest Unite branch in the North West of England.

**Greetings from North West Socialist Party**

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

**Build the socialist opposition to Labour austerity  
Forward to a new mass workers' party**

May Day greetings to readers of the Socialist



May Day greetings from



**Cheshire Unite  
Community  
Branch (NW100/C3)**

**United we stand**

May Day greetings from  
**Merseyside Construction  
and Civil Engineering  
branch**

**Solidarity with the  
Birmingham bin workers and  
all workers in struggle**



May Day greetings from  
**Liverpool Socialist  
Students**