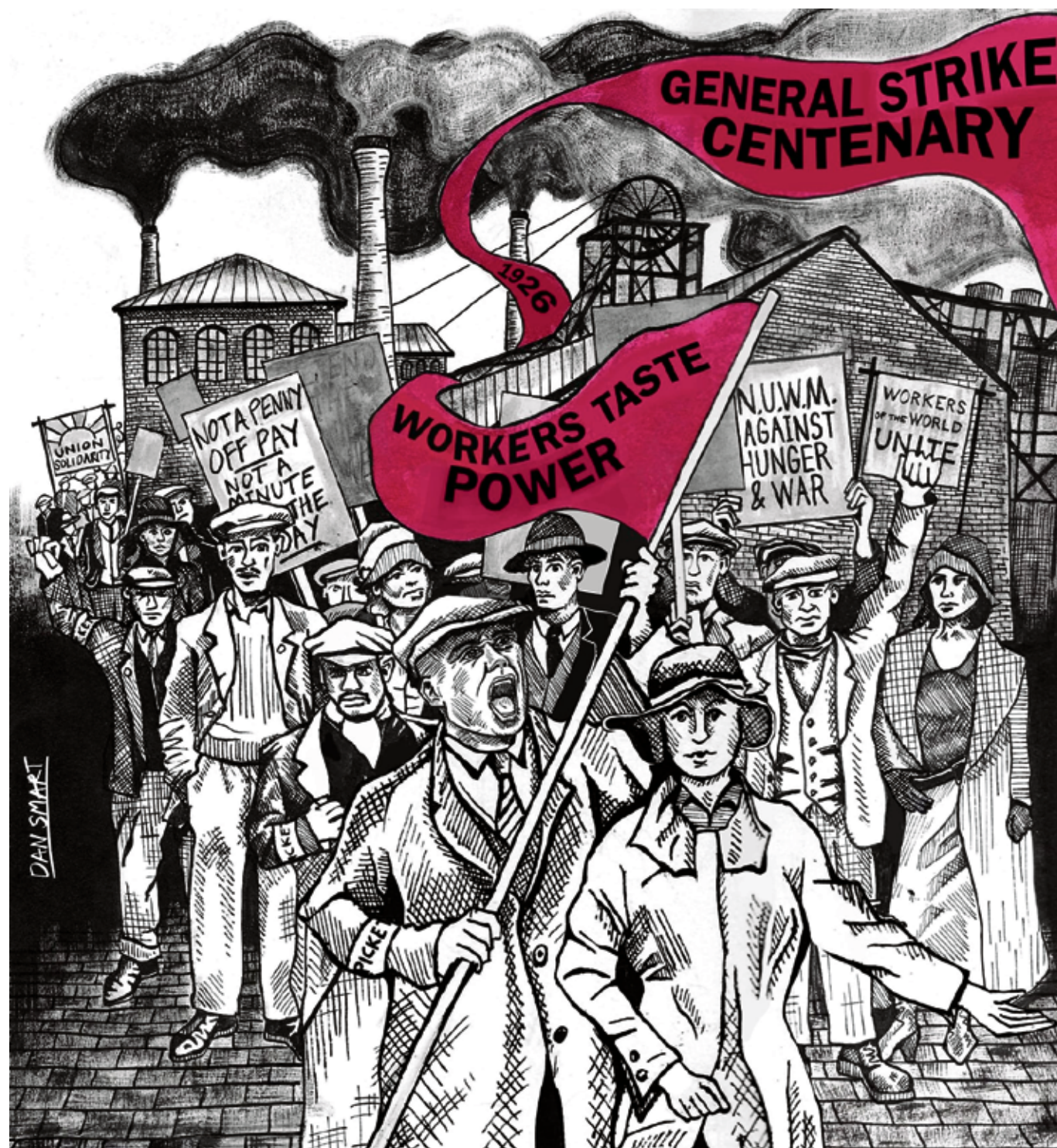


1 MAY INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY



Workers' struggle for a socialist alternative

May 2026 marks a century since the 1926 general strike, one of the most important and explosive events in the history of the working class in Britain.

Our paper keeps this militant history alive, drawing out its lessons, and supporting workers who take to the picket lines and strike back today.

May 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 £10,000, represented by 104 greetings across 12 pages.

Scott Jones,
May Day greetings organiser

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

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



May Day greetings from

socialist students 

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

socialiststudents.org.uk

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



Socialist Party members in the NEU

Solidarity with educators across the world

Fight for a socialist world free from poverty

Educate, agitate, organise



Socialist Party members in the CWU send fraternal greetings to workers everywhere

Socialist Party members in UNISON the public service union



The following Socialist Party members are standing in the Unison SGE elections

- Balaka Fell-Holden, London Local Government
- Mathew John, Wales Local Government
- Adrian O'Malley, Yorkshire Health
- Paul Tovey, South East Health
- John Malcolm, Northern Health
- Amy Sage, Police, Probation and Cafcass national seat
- Manny Dominguez, Yorkshire Community

May Day greetings from



Usdaw Broad Left

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



usdawactivist.wordpress.com



May Day greetings from
Socialist Party members in
Prospect and Bectu

May Day greetings from Socialist Party and Socialist Party Scotland members in PCS

For a fighting Socialist PCS, build the campaign across the trade unions to:

- Fight all cuts and Labour austerity
- Fight for inflation proof pay rises with £18ph minimum and pay restoration
- Coordinate strike action across the public sector
- Scrap the Tory turnout thresholds immediately and all anti-union legislation
- Fight for jobs, homes and services not racism
- Stop privatisation and bring our services back into public ownership under democratic workers' control
- Tackle the crisis of political representation and work to build a new mass workers' party
- Take the wealth off the super-rich. For a socialist alternative to capitalism's poverty, inequality, war and climate crisis



May Day greetings from the Socialist Party Disability Group

a coordinating group for disabled Socialist Party members, carers, and trade unionists.

- Disability cuts are an emergency issue for the entire trade union movement.
- Socialist Party members are fighting for the action unanimously agreed by TUC 2025 motions 38 & 39.
- We will be at the TUC Disabled Workers Conference to fight for this.

email: brightonhovesocialistparty@gmail.com



May Day greetings the Socialist Party tech workers' caucus

- May Day greetings to all trade unionists and NHS campaigners from Doctors in Unite

**LE/0375M
Doctors in Unite**



Solidarity and May Day greetings from Gloucester and District Trades Council



Solidarity greetings to the Socialist from South Devon College UCU



MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



SOUTH WEST SOCIALIST PARTY

Bristol North * Bristol South * Dorset * Cornwall * Gloucestershire * Devon * Plymouth * Swindon

Greetings from Unison Gloucestershire Hospitals Phlebotomists

Fought for 349 days, the longest strike of contracted workers in NHS history, against low pay, job evaluation and defending the skilled role of Phlebotomy. The strike has ended but the fight continues. We hope our struggle empowers other NHS workers to fight for pay that recognises their skills and challenges the corporate approach of Trust executives on six figure salaries. Linking these battles to rebuilding the NHS under democratic public ownership.



We say

- National trade union campaign to fight for Phlebotomy pay upgrade and defend Phlebotomy skills
- No to outsourcing of NHS services - it increases costs and reduces quality of service
- No to deskilling - putting patient safety and good clinical practice at risk
- Healthcare workers should be treated with respect, not bullied by NHS managers
- United action by all health unions to rebuild public ownership of NHS under democratic control, staff and patients should be central to decisions about NHS services

We would like to thank the Socialist Party for its support throughout the strike

The Phlebotomist May Day greetings are in a personal capacity

Solidarity and May Day greetings to all our trade union comrades - 'Unity is Strength' Exeter and District Trades Council



May Day greetings to the Socialist from



Cornwall Trades Council

Needs budget for Cornwall! May Day solidarity from Cornwall Trades Council to all workers, here and internationally

Contact: President@Cornwalltradescouncil.org



Welfare Not Warfare!! Solidarity from Unite Community South Devon (SW008500)

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO ALL COMRADES THIS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

Workers of the world unite - you have nothing to lose but your chains.

May Day greetings to all our trade union siblings

2026



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



VICTORY TO THE BRUM BIN WORKERS!



MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM

WEST MIDLANDS SOCIALIST PARTY

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

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



SOUTHERN AND SOUTH EAST SOCIALIST PARTY

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

Unite the Union WM/6030 South Birmingham branch

sends greetings to all workers in the world with a call to: end imperialist wars; end British complicity in Trump and Netanyahu's genocide; for worldwide socialism and victory to the Birmingham bin workers!



Southampton and South West Hampshire TUC

For jobs, homes and fully funded services for all. Welfare not warfare, we won't pay for Trump's war. Solidarity to all in struggle, at home and internationally



May Day greetings from Brighton Hove and District Trades Council

For solidarity, socialism and peace



May Day greetings from Coventry TUC

Coventry May Day rally
End austerity!
Solidarity with strikers!
No to war!
Saturday 2 May - 11am-12noon
Outside the Transport Museum, CV1 1JR
Bring your banners



End capitalism - for international socialism

Surrey University Socialist Students



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



May Day greetings from South East Kent TUC



May Day greetings from Alice Arnold Branch Coventry and Warwickshire Unite Community



Welfare not warfare. Solidarity with the Birmingham bin workers!

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



May Day greetings from



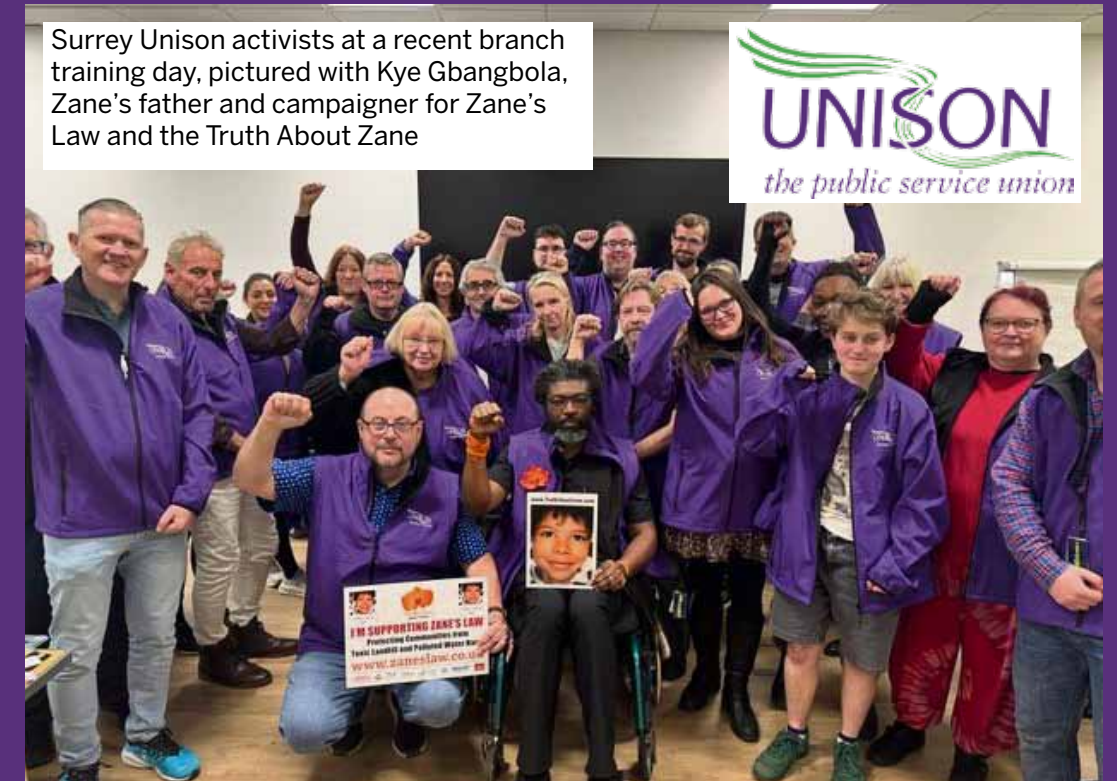
Let's hammer New Labour!

Portwood Handyman Mike Marx, Southampton, 07507585825

Activists in Surrey Unison Local Government Branch

send warm May Day greetings to all readers of the Socialist newspaper

Surrey Unison activists at a recent branch training day, pictured with Kye Gbangbola, Zane's father and campaigner for Zane's Law and the Truth About Zane



- 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 all sectors – including community and private sector 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 local government! Trade unionists and socialists need to stand for council

- 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!
- Ceasefire now! End the genocide in Gaza! Stop arming Israel! Oppose Trump's war on Iran
- No to war in Ukraine - no to NATO expansion
- For a mass trade-union led demonstration against Labour austerity

This greeting was funded by generous donations from these activists at Surrey County Unison:

- (all in a personal capacity)
- Tracy Baker – Schools convenor and women's officer
 - Tom Bancroft – Branch-employed caseworker/organiser
 - Stuart Burt – Workplace rep
 - Jan Callender – Office manager
 - Bram Carlton – Workplace rep
 - Nicolae Ciupitu – Education officer and Lifelong Learning coordinator
 - Graham Clarke – Convenor, Spelthorne Borough Council
 - Chris Collins – SCC Children's co-convenor
 - Helen Couchman – Community Service Group convenor
 - Paul Couchman – Joint branch secretary
 - Tim Coward – Co-convenor, Woking Borough Council
 - Duncan Eastoe – Workplace rep
 - Ginny Eaton – Joint retired members' secretary
 - Lisa Fogerty-Scott – Joint treasurer
 - Emma Gray – Joint treasurer
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 - Vicki Kirby – Branch employed caseworker/organiser
 - Peta Lawrence – Senior steward in Libraries
 - James Lewis – Workplace contact
 - Tom Mason – Workplace rep
 - Liz Nabbada – Workplace rep
 - Oluwakemi Otudayo – Branch International Relations officer (BIRO)
 - Andy Pattinson – Joint branch chair and health and safety officer
 - Tanya San Juan – Branch employed caseworker/organiser
 - Jose Trigo – Workplace rep
 - Vikki Walton-Cole – Disabled members' officer
 - Ellie Waple – LGBT+ members' officer and joint deputy branch secretary
 - Huma Younis – Joint branch chair

And several anonymous donations



May Day greetings from
Unite London Digital and Tech branch LE/7098
 Standing for welfare not warfare, against racism and supporting all workers in struggle.
 Sending solidarity to the Birmingham bin workers

Enfield Trades Union Council



Affiliations: enfieldtuc@hotmail.com

Hackney Trades Council
 sends May Day greetings to all workers internationally



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

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



LONDON SOCIALIST PARTY

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



Luton Unite Retired Members Branch

sends solidarity and May Day greetings

Quarterly meeting at Unite offices, King Street, Luton - 16 July and 8 October
 Members welcome for fraternal debate and discussion

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



EASTERN SOCIALIST PARTY

Cambridgeshire ★ Stevenage ★ Watford ★ Essex

May Day greetings from



Epping Forest Trades Council



Unite LE/1228 Waltham Forest Council Branch

sends greetings to all workers. Build a mass movement to fight for no-cuts needs budgets

Basildon and Thurrock TUC

Working-class solidarity in the community



Solidarity from

Fenland Unite Community - Peterborough, Wisbech and King's Lynn

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



Welfare not warfare. Greetings from Ealing Trades Council



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



May Day greetings and solidarity - Socialist readers in Camden Unison



Waltham Forest Trades Council



sends May Day greetings to all workers in Britain and the world fighting war, exploitation and oppression. Build a mass movement to end capitalism and imperialism!



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



national education union
 May Day greetings from
NEU Newham

socialist students
 May Day greetings from
Queen Mary University



Solidarity from Hillingdon TUC

Croydon Trades Union Council



Newham Trades Union Council



May Day greetings from Hounslow Trades Council
 Remember and celebrate Hounslow's general strike May 1926
 Saturday 9 May solidarity walk from Bell Square, Hounslow, TW3 3HH
 Assemble 1pm



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



Working Men's College UCU branch
 sends May Day greetings to workers of the world on the 100th anniversary of the general strike

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS SINCE THE NINE DAYS WHEN WORKERS TASTED POWER!

STRIKE NEWS

FROM THE SOCIALIST PARTY NORTHWEST REGION



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

LIVERPOOL MAY DAY MARCH

MONDAY 4th MAY 2026

ASSEMBLE: 11:30AM QUEEN VICTORIA MONUMENT
TOP OF LORD STREET / DERBY SQUARE

MARCH STARTS: 12:00 NOON Followed by speakers (approx 1 hour)

ENDS: ST GEORGE'S HALL (~1:00PM)

★ **MERSEYSIDE TUC • HALTON TUC • KNOWSLEY TUC • LIVERPOOL TUC • WIRRAL TUC • SAVE LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN**



MAY DAY GREETINGS

Officers of Liverpool & Merseyside 0538 branch would like to show our solidarity on Workers' Memorial Day. Workers, past and present, struggle for the workers of tomorrow.

Neill Dunne (Joint Secretary)

Alex Smith (Organiser)

Dean Young
Conor O'Neil (Youth Officers)



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

May Day greetings from Merseyside Construction and Civil Engineering branch

Solidarity to all workers on the centenary of the general strike



May Day greetings from Unite NW/11500 Lancs Community

- 100 years since the general strike!
- No betrayals! No capitulation! Learn the lessons of history!
- For industrial militancy and socialist politics!
- Time to end this squalid capitalist system!



May Day greetings from



Unite Cheshire Community Branch NW100/C3
Workers of the world unite

Unite NW 538 Kirkby Composite Branch

extends fraternal greetings to all trade unionists and socialists, and the people of Palestine and beyond on May Day 2026



Liverpool University and Hope University Socialist Students

Young socialists fighting for a socialist future

socialist students



Salford Socialist Students

This May Day, we stand in solidarity with all striking workers



May Day greetings from

Liverpool and District Pensioners

Fighting for today so the young can have tomorrow

May Day greetings from Unite East Midlands Area Activist Committee



May Day greetings to workers around the world from Unite SW/001401 Bristol Finance and Legal branch



NORTHERN SOCIALIST PARTY

Carlisle • Teesside • Tyne and Wear

May Day greetings from

Unite Community Cumbria Branch



Renationalise our NHS!

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

SOCIALIST PARTY WALES
Swansea and West Wales ★ Caerphilly ★ Cardiff Central
★ Cardiff East ★ Newport ★ Rhondda Cynon Taff

Spirit of '26
ON THE CENTENARY OF THE GENERAL STRIKE

SAT 2 MAY
MAY DAY MARCH AND RALLY

Saturday 2nd May

Assemble: Park Place/Queen Street, Cardiff CF10 3DN—12.00 noon

Speakers include: Mike Masters (Birmingham bin workers), Kerry Farry (Cwm Taf Health Visitors), Katrine Williams (Chair PCS Wales), Ian Williams (Tara, Unite Port Talbot), Dai Horden (CWU posties), Marian Kish (Caerphilly Trades Union Council), Dierne Ezzano & Samuel Adedaja (Cardiff Council Unions), Joan Felix (Together Alliance), Andrew Draper (PSC), Dan Seipe (Acom)

Cardiff Trades Union Council would like to thank its May Day sponsors:



May Day greetings to all workers in struggle from Cardiff General Unite branch WA/B1048

Victory to the Cwm Taf health visitors!



 **Swansea Trades Council**

sends May Day greetings to the Socialist. For workers' unity and a socialist Senedd

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



YORKSHIRE SOCIALIST PARTY

- ★ Leeds and West Yorkshire
- ★ Wakefield and Pontefract
- ★ York
- ★ Sheffield North West
- ★ Sheffield South East
- ★ South Yorkshire
- ★ Grimsby and Scunthorpe
- ★ Hull


Kingston-upon-Hull

For a properly funded education system with properly paid education workers

Leeds Trades Council

May Day march:
Saturday, 2 May at
11:30am at Leeds Art
Gallery, Leeds, LS1 3AA


May Day greetings from
**Leeds, Wakefield and York
Unite Community**
Support the Birmingham bin workers

May Day greetings to all socialists from readers of the Socialist in South Leeds

May Day greetings from Yorkshire

YOUTH FIGHT FOR JOBS

 **DISABLED PEOPLE AGAINST CUTS**
CYMRU
Rights, not charity • Hawliau, nid carod

May Day greetings from Disabled People Against Cuts Cymru

TUC: don't abandon disability cuts fight! Turn 2025 congress motions 38 and 39 into action!

dpac.cymru.carrod.co
dpac.cymru@gmail.com
graphics: sunnydewin


CUTS COST LIVES
Protect disability Payments

Newport Trades Union Council
fighting for workers since 1889

Supporters in
Swansea Unite Retired Members Branch
- retired from work but not from the struggle for socialism



MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM



Solidarity greetings to all workers during the 100th anniversary of the general strike.

UNITY OVER DIVISION

May Day greetings from



Hull and District Trades Council



May Day greetings from

Hull Unity Shop

Solidarity not charity



May Day greetings from

RMT Leeds City



AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANISE



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

This year marks 100 years since the General Strike of 1926. The importance of trade unionism for the workers is the same now as it was then. Once again we must build on workers struggles like the Birmingham bin workers, and build for the fightback and socialist change that we need.

STRUGGLE, SOLIDARITY, SOCIALISM

**MAY DAY
GREETINGS
FROM**

**EAST MIDLANDS
SOCIALIST PARTY**

★ Leicester

★ Chesterfield



★ Nottingham and Derby

★ Northampton

★ Mansfield

★ Lincolnshire



May Day
Greetings
from
Derbyshire

nationalshop
stewardsnetwork

WORKERS FIGHT BACK 20th Anniversary Conference

**WE WON'T PAY FOR
THE CRISIS!**

Saturday 27 June (11:00am - 4:30pm), Conway Hall, London, WC1R 4RL
More details at shopstewards.net



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

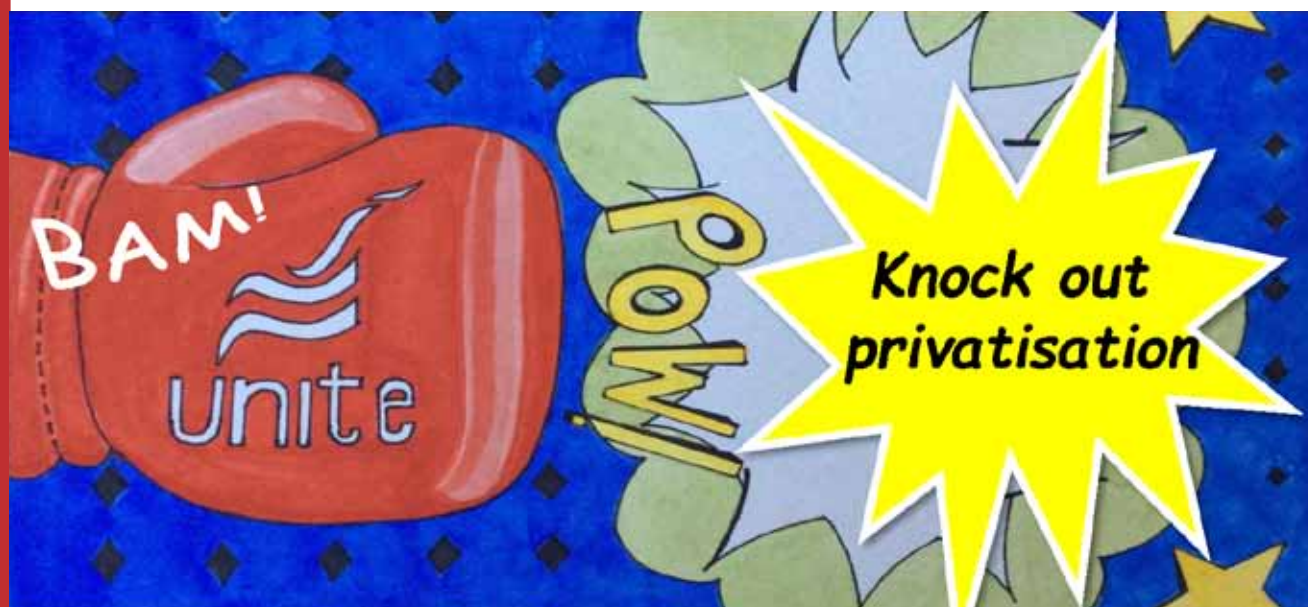
**The most common way
people give up power is by
thinking they don't have
any. Solidarity to all the
working class**



**May Day greetings
from Nottinghamshire
Trades Council**

**Build workers' unity for jobs,
homes and service. Defeat
racism and the far right**

Unite EM/NG32 Nottinghamshire Health branch



**Solidarity to all fighting to save our NHS, for
health workers' decent pay and conditions
and to end ill-health from inequality**

**Fighting to save East
Midlands Cancer Alliance
(Centre for Psychosocial
Health) - an award-winning
service supporting cancer
patients' mental health
across the region, training
health workers and carrying
out vital research. Why
is it threatened with
closure under this Labour
government?**

**Send letters of protest to
your MP and demand Wes
Streeting lifts this threat!**

[actionnetwork.org/letters/
stop-the-closure-of-the-east-
midlands-cancer-alliance-centre-
for-psychosocial-health](http://actionnetwork.org/letters/stop-the-closure-of-the-east-midlands-cancer-alliance-centre-for-psychosocial-health)