Welcome to

# SOCIALISM 2026

**A WEEKEND OF DISCUSSION ON SOCIALIST IDEAS**

Hosted by the Socialist Party

# Capitalism is burning

# Time for socialist change

## SATURDAY RALLY 5.30PM

## LOGAN HALL, LEVEL 1

- **Hannah Sell** - Socialist Party General Secretary
- **Becca Bayman -** Socialist Students November 20th international youth strike organiser
- **Fiona Brittle,** PCS National Executive Committee member, (pc)
- **Ciarán McKenna -** SIPTU (Ireland) executive member (pc)
- **Sheila Caffrey -** NEU teachers' union executive member (pc)
- **John Williams -** member of the TUC general council (pc)
- **Elémiah Beuriot -** Gauche Révolutionnaire, CWI France
- **Tony Saunois -** Secretary of the Committee for a Workers' International
- **Hugo Pierre -** UNISON NEC national black members' seat, 2015-2025

# N20 International Youth Strike Rally

## SUNDAY RALLY 3-4.30PM
## LOGAN HALL, LEVEL 1
## HOSTED BY SOCIALIST STUDENTS

**Including speakers from:**

- **Socialist Students**
- **Union Étudiante (France)**
- **Sindicato de Estudiantes (Spanish state)**
- **Young Greens national co-chair (England & Wales)**
- **Rete Della Conoscenza (Italy)**
- **Linksjugend [‘solid] (Germany)**
- **National Union of Students**

socialist students




**CAN YOU HELP FUND THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM?**

The last 20 years has been a never-ending cycle of multiple crises – social, political, and environmental. Capitalism as a system has outlived its historic usefulness, it is now a system that is failing and needs to be overthrown. What we need is socialism!

Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference and all of it will go to building support for socialist ideas.

Donate to the Socialist Party’s financial appeal at Socialism 2026, and help us reach our target of £50,000!

# GET INVOLVED
# *JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY TODAY!*

**The Socialist Party stands for transforming society, taking the top industries into public ownership and democratically planning the economy to meet the needs of all.**

**If you are convinced by the ideas you hear about this weekend, then come to one of the meet ups below on Saturday and Sunday to find out what joining the Socialist Party means.**

**We are a party that is taking up the challenge of fighting for socialist transformation. Join us in that struggle.**

**If you cannot make the meet-ups, there will be a stall, but you can also come to a Socialist Party meeting in your area. Scan the QR code for details.**

Socialist Party

**Saturday - 4:15pm-4:45pm in C3.15 on level 3**
**Sunday - 12:15pm-12:45pm in C3.15 on level 3**
**Contact Tessa on 07852 559750 for more information**

## www.socialistparty.org.uk

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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: socialistworld.net

CWI CIT-CIO

**COMMITTEE FOR A WORKERS' INTERNATIONAL**



## FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

All the workshops and rallies take place in this building. The room numbers for each workshop are indicated in the programme. All of the following levels and rooms are accessible using the ‘Core A’ and ‘Core B’ lifts in the building. The workshops take place across five floors. All rooms beginning with ‘C’ are on level 3, which is the same level as registration. Facing towards the registration desk, turn right and walk down the corridor to find these rooms. Clarke Hall is also on level 3. Facing towards the registration desk, turn left and walk down the corridor to find the Clarke Hall.
Rooms beginning with ‘6’, ‘7’ and ‘8’ are on levels 6, 7 and 8 respectively. Elvin Hall is on level 1. You can only access the Elvin Hall through the ‘Core B’ lifts and stairs, which are found by turning right down the corridor from the registration desk. The Saturday and Sunday rallies are in Logan Hall, on level 1 by the stalls.
All levels and rooms are accessible using the lifts in the building.
Scan here for a plan of the building:

## ACCOMMODATION

f you have bought a ‘Golden’ ticket, there will be a hostel bed for you on Saturday night. The hostel is the Generator, 37 Tavistock Place, WC1H 9SE. The keys for the hostel will be available to collect from the hostel stall outside the Jeffrey Hall on level 1, from 4pm. Please arrive promptly at 4pm to collect your keys to make sure you can get into the rally on time! If you are unable to collect your key then, or need help regarding the hostel, you can contact Callum on 07580 192285.

**For directions to the hostel, scan this QR code and tap ‘directions’:**

## ACCESSIBILITY

If you have any accessibility issues or queries over the weekend, contact Chris on 07906 591794 who will be on hand to provide assistance. All workshops and rallies across the venue are accessible via the lifts in the building (see ‘finding your way around’ for more information). We have quiet rooms on level 3 (street level) which will be signposted at registration available for anyone who needs a minute to themselves away from the crowds. A fridge is available at the 3rd floor cafe, but please note this is not a medical fridge.

## CRÈCHE

There is a free creche available at Socialism, a short distance from the IoE. The creche will run during the main sessions, but please pick up your children promptly during breaks so the creche workers can have their break. Our creche liaison this year is Bea Gardner.

You can contact Bea on 07946 317436 for details including the start and end times of the creche.

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## CLOAKROOM

If you need to store your bag and/or coat, there is a cloakroom which is located in B3:01 - the first room down the right hand hallway when you are facing the registration desk. Items are left at the owners' risk.

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## QUESTIONS

For any other queries related to Socialism 2026, please speak to the stewards. You can contact chief steward Scott Hunter on 07429 828064 for info, or Theo Sharieff on 07747 174833.

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## REFRESHMENTS AND SATURDAY EVENING SOCIAL

The bar in the Institute of Education has been booked for Socialism attendees to stay after the Saturday rally. The bar only takes card payments.

The cafe on the 3rd floor is open both days from 9am-4pm. To find it, turn immediately right when entering the IoE from Bedford Way.

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## ZOOM

For those accessing this via email, the first four workshops on each of the next four pages are also available on zoom.

The Zoom codes are included in this booklet on page 10.

| Saturday 11am-1pm | Room |
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| **Are the Greens the type of party we need to transform the world?** Speaker**: Sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Ben Goldstone** | 728: Level 7 |
| **Can capitalism achieve a genuine Palestinian state?** Speaker**: Judy Beishon, Socialist Party EC with contributions from Socialist Struggle Movement, Israel-Palestine** Chair**: Rae Cox** | 822: Level 8 |
| **The lessons of the 1936 Spanish Revolution** Speaker**: Scott Jones, Socialist editorial team** Chair**: Kat Taylor-Huzzard** | 731: Level 7 |
| **25 years since 9/11 – from US world domination to decline** Speaker**: Tessa Warrington, Socialism 2026 organising team** Chair**: Nick Auvache** | 739: Level 7 |
| **250 years on - the USA's revolutionary roots** Speaker**: Chris Thomas, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Eleanor Donne** | 631: Level 6 |
| **The 100th anniversary of the 1926 General Strike** Speakers**: Reece Lawton, PCS NEC member (pc) and Rob Williams, Socialist Party Industrial Organiser** Chair**: Alex Brown** | 828: Level 8 |
| **Is there a way out of the environmental crisis under capitalism?** Speaker**: Pete Dickinson, author of 'Planning for the Planet'** Chair**: Rob Thomas** | Clarke Hall: Level 3 |
| **What did Leon Trotsky really stand for?** Speaker**: Berkay Kartav, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Mihaela Ivanova** | C3.15: Level 3 |
| **What role for direct action in the struggle for socialism?** Speaker**: Isai Marijerla, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Sam Smithson** | C3.13: Level 3 |
| **Social media: the ban and the case for nationalisation** Speaker**: Ian Pattison, The Socialist editorial team** Chair**: Morgan Tritton** | C3.14: Level 3 |

| Saturday 2pm-4pm | Room |
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| **With Burnham as PM - how can the trade union movement achieve its own political voice?** Speaker**: Hannah Sell, Socialist Party General Secretary** Chair**: Linda Thraves** | Elvin Hall: Level 1 |
| **Do socialists say 'nationalise the entire economy'?** Speaker**: Helen Pattison, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Adam Tyas** | 728: Level 7 |
| **Can the Chinese Communist Party escape the world capitalist crisis?** Speakers**: Oscar Parry, Socialism 2026 organising team and Clive Heemskerk, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Thomas Butler** | 822: Level 8 |
| **What fate for Trump and the Republican party after the mid-term elections?** Speaker**: Nick Chaffey, Socialist Party Southern and South East Secretary** Chair**: Annabel Griffiths** | 731: Level 7 |
| **4 years on from the invasion of Ukraine - what way out of the war? Speaker: Bob Labi, CWI IS Chair: Maddie Rooney** | 739: Level 7 |
| **What way out of sectarian division in Northern Ireland?** Speaker**: Padraig Mulholland, Militant Left** Chair**: Hannah Ponting** | 828: Level 8 |
| **Tariffs and AI tech turmoil– Marxist economics in today's world** Speaker**: Philip Stott, Socialist Party Scotland National Secretary** Chair**: Lauren Slawson** | Clarke Hall: Level 3 |
| **The collapse of Stalinism** Speaker**: Tom Baldwin, Socialist Party South West Secretary** Chair**: Seamus Smyth** | C3.15: Level 3 |
| **What is the role of the trade unions in fighting for trans rights?** Speakers**: Amy Sage, UNISON SGE member (pc) and Sarah Sachs Eldridge,** Chair**: Mark Davies** | C3.13: Level 3 |
| **What is a socialist programme for the entertainment industry?** Speaker**: Nick Hart, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Kate Blanchard** | C3.14: Level 3 |

| Sunday 10am-12 noon | Room |
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| **Forum: Can councils refuse to implement austerity?** Speakers**: Clive Heemskerk** and **Michael Chessum, Green Party councillor in Lambeth** Chair**: Jay Coward** | Elvin Hall: Level 1 |
| **Does the UK face break-up under Burnham?** Speaker**: Sinead Daly, Socialist Party Scotland** Chair**: David Ellis** | 728: Level 7 |
| **Forum: how can an anti-war movement be built?** Speakers**: Adam Powell-Davies, Socialist Students** and **Shabbir Lakha, Stop the War Coalition officer** Chair**: Odun Eniayekan** | 822: Level 8 |
| **Europe in revolt** Speakers**: Elémiah Beuriot, Gauche Révolutionnaire and Hannah Sell** Chair**: James Ivens** | 731: Level 7 |
| **What does the DSA represent?** Speaker**: Callum Joyce, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Saffy Hill-Chambers** | 739: Level 7 |
| **Does AI mean the end of the working class?** Speaker**: Theo Sharieff, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Saad Hafejee** | 631: Level 6 |
| **The early Communist Party and the Minority Movement** Speaker**: Paula Mitchell, Socialist Party EC** Chair**: Joe Woolfall** | 828: Level 8 |
| **The October 1917 revolution - what really happened?** Speaker**: Mark Best, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Billy Jones** | Clarke Level 3 |
| **The 70th anniversary of the Hungarian revolution** Speaker**: Alex Smith, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Carole Sasaki** | C3.15: Level 3 |
| **Social attitudes: is there a gender divide?** Speakers**: Isis Smyth Liverpool South Socialist Party, and Bea Gardner, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Elin Sams** | C3.13: Level 3 |
| **The fight against racism today** Speakers**: Mila Hughes and April Ashley, Socialist Party Black and Asian Group** Chair**: Deji Olayinka** | C3.14: Level 3 |

| Sunday 1pm-2:45pm | Room |
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| **Is a progressive alliance needed to stop Reform?** Speaker**: Josh Asker, editor, the Socialist** Chair**: Lindsey Morgan** | Elvin: Level 1 |
| **Where is Cuba heading?** Speaker**: Tony Saunois, CWI Secretary** Chair**: Alex Sampson** | 728: Level 7 |
| **The lessons of the Battle of Cable Street for today** Speakers**: Martin Powell-Davies, Socialist Party NC and Onay Kasab, Unite National Lead Officer (pc)** Chair**: Sofia Pandolf** | 822: Level 8 |
| **Does the working class still matter in the struggle for socialism?** Speakers**: Ali Mansfield and Alistair Tice, Socialist Party Yorkshire regional organisers** Chair**: Izzy France** | 731: Level 7 |
| **The cost-of-living storm of struggle – and lessons from the strike wave** Speakers**: Pippa Evans, PCS NEC member (pc), Hugo Pierre, Socialist Party NC** Chair**: Robbie Davidson** | 739: Level 7 |
| **Was Russia state capitalist?** Speaker**: Steve Score, Socialist Party East Midlands Secretary** Chair**: Emily Lyndon** | 631: Level 6 |
| **Is there a fascist threat across the globe?** Speaker**: James Collett, Socialist Party South West** Chair**: Karolina Ryba** | 828: Level 8 |
| **The left after 'Your Party'** Speaker**: Dave Nellist, socialist former Labour MP** Chair**: Adam Saunders** | Clarke Level 3 |
| **Marx, Engels and scientific socialism** Speaker**: Dean Young, Socialist Party North West** Chair**: Scott Hunter** | C3.15: Level 3 |
| **Kashmir - the struggle against oppression and for democratic rights** Speakers**: TU Senan, CWI IS and Hamza Khan, West London Socialist Party** Chair**: Dara Fitzgerald** | C3.13: Level 3 |
| **What next after the Timms Review? Speaker: David Maples, Socialist Party Disabled Group Convenor Chair: Adam Gillman** | C3.14: Level 3 |