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Join the fightback - come to Socialism 2011

A weekend of discussion and debate hosted by the Socialist Party

Steve Glennon
Socialism 2011 organiser

Whether you have been a socialist for many years or are new to socialist ideas, Socialism 2011 has something for you! The sessions are designed for beginners, those who have been around sometime, and anyone in-between - everyone will get something out of this event.

Following the Youth Fight for Jobs Jarrow March's finishing rally in Trafalgar Square, Socialism 2011 starts on Saturday 5 November. It is the opportunity to find the answer to today's big question: Capitalism has failed - but what do we replace it with?

After the first set of discussion sessions, the rally at Friends Meeting House in the evening will put into context the fight we have in Britain

and around the world, in an upbeat and uplifting way. We can also party hard into the night at the Camden Centre, with a bar, live music and food at prices you can afford.

Sunday 6 November sees two more sessions for each of the courses, but it is up to you to choose, you can mix and match any of the topics that appeal to you - see the timetable below. Finally the closing rally will send off everyone with a determination to fight for a real future for younger and older people alike.

Book your ticket today!

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Support struggle across the world

Can you donate to the Socialism 2011 appeal? It is vital that as much money as possible is collected by the Socialist Party to finance work not just in England and Wales but also internationally.

A proportion of the money raised will go to the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI - the socialist international to which the Socialist Party is affiliated) to assist the often difficult and ground-breaking work that our members are engaged in across the world.

In Greece unemployment has reached 25%. CWI members there, as with the rest of the working class, have been hit very hard by the austerity measures. But they are determinedly intervening with a programme to develop the struggles, bring down the government and end the cuts.

In Kazakhstan CWI members, leading the struggle against a bar-

baric regime which stoops to any method to crush dissent, are daily risking imprisonment and torture (see page 8).

A recent occupation of the tallest building in Taiwan, the Taipei tower, in protest at rising house prices and multinational companies like Carrefour, involved CWI members who attracted great interest in socialist ideas.

These are just three examples of work which would not be possible without the financial sacrifices of CWI members and supporters.

By making a donation to the Socialism 2011 appeal you can help the work of the CWI.

Can you give £5, £50 or £500? Can you ask other people to donate? Every donation will make a difference and all of it will go to building support for socialist ideas.

Ken Douglas, Socialist Party national treasurer

Rallies: Friends Meeting House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

World in crisis - fight for socialism

Hosted by the Socialist
Saturday 5 November, 6.30-8.30pm

Speakers include: Peter Taaffe Socialist Party general secretary, Clare Daly Socialist Party MP in Irish parliament, Tunisian trade union activist, US occupy Wall Street activist and a Jarrow marcher

Build a movement to bring down the Con-Dems

Sunday 6 November, 3-4.30pm

Registration starts 2.30pm Saturday and 9am Sunday in Room 101 ULU, and 6pm Saturday at Friends Meeting House. All venues are fully wheelchair accessible and have hearing aid loops.

Sessions:

University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HY

Tickets: Weekend £30 (£15 concession), one day £15 (£8 concession), Rally for Socialism £5. Saturday accommodation and full crèche available. www.socialism2011.net 020 8988 8777

Theme	Saturday 3-5pm	Sunday 10am-12pm	Sunday 1-3pm
Introducing socialism	What would a socialist democracy look like?	Why the struggle is more than fighting the cuts. The role of the Socialist Party	Socialism vs. capitalism
Introducing Marxism	Marxist philosophy: thought and reality	The Marxist theory of history	Introducing Marxist economics: why is capitalism crisis-ridden?
Defending the welfare state	The hardest hit fight back: resisting attacks on disability benefits	NHS: the latest big business brand?	"Free" schools at a high price: defeating the attack on comprehensive education
Debates in the anti-cuts movement	What next after 30 November?	Strategy and tactics for the 21st century: a debate with UK Uncut (invited)	
World economic crisis	The future of the world economy: will capitalism collapse?		
Internationalism	Occupy Wall Street! What does the movement signify?	Building a successful electoral alternative: lessons from Ireland	Eyewitness to Sri Lankan war crimes. How can the Tamil diaspora win justice?
Anniversaries of struggle	Lessons of the Minority Movement and the role of the National Shop Stewards Network today	75 years since the Spanish Civil War	Lessons of Poplar and Liverpool. Councils that fought
The Arab Spring	How can the masses of the Middle East win?	Libya, Imperialism and the masses	Mass movements in Israel and Palestinian liberation
Society	Riot, reaction and resistance: what future for young people?	Socialists and the 2012 Olympics	Capitalism and crime: police repression and the prison system
Turning points in history	Ten years since 9/11: is US Imperialism going to be eclipsed?	20 years since the collapse of the USSR: proof that socialism doesn't work?	Kazakhstan on the brink
Further sessions	Who are the EDL? How do we stop them?	Build for 30 November	What will the cuts mean for LGBT rights?
	Cuba: is the revolution being unwound from within?	Murdochgate and the struggle for a free press	Are the Tories making Britain more sexist?

Party for Socialism Saturday 6 November, doors open 9pm. Camden Centre, Judd Street, WC1H 9JE
Live music • Licensed bar • Hot food • Great venue! £2 on door / £1 concession

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