

# the Socialist May Day Greetings 2016



**T**he Socialist sends May Day greetings to all our readers - for a year of struggle, solidarity and socialism!

International Workers' Day, known as May Day, marks the first US-wide general strike that took place on 1 May 1886 and commemorates the Haymarket Martyrs killed in Chicago by the police. Their strike demanded an eight-hour maximum working day.

As this issue goes to press junior doctors are striking against an unsafe, unfair contract (see page 6). Workers still need to take action to defend jobs, services and terms and conditions.

The Socialist has consistently put forward this strategy - mass workers' struggle - as the only way to defeat austerity. We call for all the trade unions to link up and take coordinated strike action with the junior doctors.

This government is weak and divided. A mass movement could get them out and win the jobs, homes and services we need (see page 4).

International solidarity is vital in fighting for a socialist alternative to the failed capitalist system.

Many young and working class people are looking to the US and the inspirational movement behind Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign. He calls for a 'political revolution against the billionaire class' and hundreds of thousands have flocked to his rallies. When given the opportunity, people will fight back against the capitalist establishment.

May Day greetings show solidarity while helping to fund the Socialist. This 8-page pull-out is a testament to the support that exists across the workers' movement for the ideas put forward in our pages. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

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# MAY DAY 2016



**The Socialist Party campaigns to put an end to exploitative, Dickensian working conditions.**

**We demand an end to zero-hour contracts. All workers, including agency staff, must have trade union rates of pay, full employment protection, and sickness and holiday rights from day one of employment.**

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## the **Activist**

**Bulletin of Socialist Party members in Usdaw**

- For a fighting, socialist Usdaw
  - Defend premium payments
  - Fight for a £10 an hour minimum wage with no exemptions
- To subscribe, email [usdawactivist@gmail.com](mailto:usdawactivist@gmail.com)



From PCS Left Unity NEC members

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**For national coordinated action against the pay cap, job cuts and to defend public services.**



The BFAWU sends a message of support on this International Workers' Day to workers here and around the world. To all those involved in struggle, taking action to secure justice and rights, and to activists campaigning for a better, fairer society we offer our best wishes and solidarity.



May Day Greetings from Socialist Party members on Unison's national executive committee

- Fight for a £10 an hour minimum wage
- **Stop all cuts to jobs and services: councils must set no-cuts budgets**
- Stop the privatisation of the NHS - cancel all PFI debts!
- **For a fighting Unison leadership to unite the fight against austerity**
- Vote for TUSC candidates in the May elections!

Solidarity with the green-loving indigenous people, farmers and workers of Bangladesh in their fight for land rights and the struggle against environmental destruction through government-sponsored projects and multinational corporations. Deep condolence to those who lost their loved ones in coal shootings and a gas explosion in Bangladesh.

★ **The Phulbari Solidarity Group** ★



**#KillTheBill**  
**Strike together**  
Socialist Party members on the National Shop Stewards Network steering committee



Socialist Party supporters in Equity May Day greetings to artists and culture workers around the world. **End unpaid and low-paid work - for a living wage in the arts. Fight for socialism!**



- No to fees, cuts and academies
  - Free education for all
  - **Students and workers, unite and fight!**
- socialiststudents.org.uk



- End youth exemption from the National 'Living' Wage
- **£10 an hour minimum wage now, with no exceptions**
- **Scrap zero-hour contracts!**



No to the capitalist EU - yes to a socialist Europe, yes to a socialist world!  
Workers of the world unite!  
**Struggle ■ Solidarity ■ Socialism**  
May Day international solidarity greetings from **Somerset Socialist Party branch!**



**Solidarity with refugees**  
**No to fortress Europe**  
Youth against Racism in Europe



Socialist Party supporters in the Communication Workers Union send May Day greetings to workers across the world

- For publicly owned and integrated post and telecommunications industries
- For an end to workplace victimisation
- **Strike to defeat the Trade Union Bill**



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The **Committee for a Workers' International** sends international solidarity to all workers in struggle.

Forwards to a socialist world!  
**socialistworld.net**



Greetings to all who are fighting to save our NHS. In solidarity with the junior doctors. Keep up the struggle.  
**Unite Nottinghamshire Health Service Branch**



**MAY DAY GREETING TO WORKERS OF THE WORLD FROM HACKNEY COUNCIL WORKERS**

**Victory to the junior doctors and all workers in struggle!**



This greeting is supported by Hackney council workers and paid for by the following (in a personal capacity):

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**Socialist Party**  
Lambeth and South West London

- Solidarity with workers fighting Blairite cuts and sell-offs
- Defend Lambeth libraries!

**Socialist Party**  
Waltham Forest  
**DON'T EVICT BUTTERFIELDS TENANTS**

- Rent control now! ■ Build council housing ■ HOMES 4 ALL!!

■ Solidarity with junior doctors struggling to defend the NHS and with education workers, students and parents fighting cuts and academisation in education.

■ Unite the strikes!

**Socialist Party**  
Camden Socialist Party

**Socialist Party**  
Greenwich and Bexley

For struggle, solidarity and socialism – forward to a 24-hour general strike!

**WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!**

**Socialist Party**  
Hackney

**Socialist Party**  
Haringey and Enfield Socialist Party

**“Wars cannot be abolished unless classes are abolished and socialism is created.”**

- Lenin, 1915

May Day greetings from **Hillingdon Socialist Party** - fighting for a future for the millions not the millionaires

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**SOCIALISM IS BACK ON THE AGENDA!**

Build coordinated strike action to bring down the Tories!

Lewisham Socialist Party

**Socialist Party**  
Sutton & Croydon

Solidarity, let's make 2016 a year of struggle

- Kill the Housing Bill  
Build council housing
- Kill the Trade Union Bill  
All strike together!

**Socialist Party**  
Tower Hamlets

**Socialist Party**  
East London

Fighting for militant trade unions and socialism today in the birthplace of new unionism

- Kick out the Panama Paper tigers
- Strike together

**Socialist Party**  
Southwark

Greenwich Unite 1/2050 sends May Day solidarity greetings to all comrades fighting back against the cuts in local government

**Socialist Party**

**A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD IS A RIGHT**

- For mass council house building
- Stop the Tory/Liberal/Blairite social cleansing of London
- Fight for rent controls: can't pay, will stay!
- Nationalise the building and supply industries

Your fight is our fight  
Workers of the world unite!

Greetings from West London Socialist Party

**WALTHAM FOREST TRADES COUNCIL SENDS MAY DAY GREETINGS TO WORKERS EVERYWHERE FIGHTING BACK AGAINST AUSTERITY**

We say:

- Decent homes for all - Butterfields won't budge!
- Victory to the junior doctors!
- Refugees are welcome here!
- Defy the anti-union laws!
- No to blacklisting!

May Day greetings from RMT Finsbury Park branch

SOCIALISM OR DEATH!

**RMT**

**Camden No 3 RMT**

- Workers of the world unite
- Forward to socialism

**RMT**

**Socialist Party**

**MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM BRISTOL NORTH EAST SOCIALIST PARTY**

Greenwich and Bexley TUC

**UNIFY THE FIGHTBACK!**

**May Day Greetings from the Unite Housing Workers Branch LE1111**

**Unite Housing Workers**  
JOB AND HOMES FOR ALL

fighting and winning better conditions for housing workers  
building solidarity with housing campaigns  
demanding jobs and homes for all

rent controls  
secure tenancies  
no more council house sell-offs

**WORKERS**

**OFFICIAL PICKET**

www.housingworkers.org.uk / Facebook: Unite Housing Workers / @unitehousing

For struggle solidarity and socialism!

**Whipps Cross workers send greetings to the Socialist newspaper this May Day**

- Victory to the junior doctors!
- For a general election and the booting out of this greedy, tax dodging, billionaire-backed, posh shower in 2016...

We can't wait till 2020!

- No to the bosses EU; for working-class internationalism!
- ALL STRIKE TOGETHER!

**SOCIALIST PARTY SOUTH WEST MEMBERS SALUTE ALL WORKERS ON INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY**

Fighting to build socialism across the South West

Lydney ■ Cheltenham ■ Gloucester ■ Stroud ■ Bristol ■ Bath ■ Weston-super-Mare ■ Warminster ■ Trowbridge ■ Melksham ■ Westbury ■ Swindon ■ Taunton ■ Wells ■ Sidmouth ■ Exmouth ■ Teignmouth ■ Totnes ■ Torquay ■ Paignton ■ Exeter ■ Plymouth ■ Bournemouth ■ Ilfracombe ■ Barnstaple ■ Camborne ■ Bodinnick ■ Truro ■ St. Austell

“There is one, and only one, kind of internationalism in deed; working wholeheartedly for the development of the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in your own country, and supporting – by propaganda, sympathy and material aid – such, and only such, a struggle and such a line in every country without exception.”  
Lenin – **The April Thesis, April 1917**





*Solidarity greetings from the  
North West Socialist Party*

**Re-elect Kevin Bennett,  
a fighting socialist councillor in Warrington  
Vote TUSC on 5th May**

*“Life is beautiful. Let the future generations  
cleanse it of all evil, oppression and violence,  
and enjoy it to the full. -Leon Trotsky (right)”*



■ May Day greetings from  
**The Liverpool 47 group  
of councillors 1983-87**



Still stand 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.

We call on Jeremy Corbyn to resist the blackmail of the right and to stand fast against all austerity. Our record includes:

- 5,000 new houses built
- 6 new sports centres
- 2,000 new jobs and existing jobs saved
- £60 million won back from the Tories

We say NO to the capitalist EU and YES to solidarity of the European working class.

Congratulations to the Socialist Party for supporting TUSC

Onward to a new mass party of the working class

Paul Astbury, Pete Ferguson, Tony Mulhearn, Terry Prout, Tony Rimmer, Harry Smith, and friends John Marston, Dave Walsh



May Day greetings  
from Liverpool and  
District Socialist  
Party



**PRESTON EMERALD CELTIC  
SUPPORTERS CLUB**  
Preston Emerald Celtic Supporters  
send solidarity greetings to all trade  
unionists and socialists

**Salford against Cuts**  
sends May Day greetings to  
trade unionists and anti-cuts  
campaigners everywhere



**Vote TUSC Against Cuts  
wherever you can!**

**West Cheshire TUC**  
send May Day greetings  
to all those fighting  
austerity  
■ **Together we are strong!**



**Coventry CWU branch  
sends May Day greetings to readers of the Socialist**



**No to Austerity**  
For the Re-Nationalisation of Royal mail  
& the telecommunications Industry under democratic  
workers control and management.  
**For socialist change and a socialist world!**



May Day greetings from  
Swansea, Llanelli and West  
Wales Socialist Party  
Keep the furnaces firing!  
Nationalise Tata Steel!



**May day greetings  
from Swansea and  
District Trades  
Council and solidarity  
greetings to Tata  
steelworkers**



**Swansea and District  
NUJ sends May Day  
solidarity greetings to Tata  
steelworkers and all trade  
unionists fighting to save  
their jobs**

May Day greetings from  
Cardiff County  
Trades Union Council  
■ Cardiff Trades Union Council sends  
solidarity and greeting to all workers in  
struggle. Save Our Steel!  
■ Katrine Williams, president; Dave Bartlett,  
secretary; Amarjite Singh, treasurer; Gina  
Skelly, vice president

May Day greetings from  
Ipswich and District  
Trades Union Council  
■ Celebrating May Day since 1978 with  
our annual festival: Love Music, Love  
May Day, Hate Racism  
■ Sunday 1 May, Alexandra Park,  
Midday to 6pm



May Day greetings  
to workers in  
struggle everywhere



May Day greetings from  
readers of the Socialist in  
**Coventry UNISON**  
Fight for a  
democratic union!



**May Day  
Greetings  
and  
Solidarity**  
From Birmingham and Birmingham  
South East Socialist Party branches.  
No to academies and privatisation of  
services. Austerity is a Tory choice not  
a necessity!  
For fighting councillors in words and  
deeds vote TUSC to fight ALL cuts!



Bracknell Unite  
members send  
May Day  
Greetings  
to  
**socialists  
everywhere!**



**Bolton Trades Council  
sends May Day greetings  
to trade unionists  
everywhere.  
Solidarity with the junior  
doctors!  
Save the NHS!**

**Unite London  
Print Branch**  
Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.  
Greetings and solidarity to  
all workers on International  
Workers' Day



**MAYDAY GREETINGS  
TO THE SOCIALIST!**



Solidarity  
from  
Leeds  
**socialist  
students**

- No to fees, cuts and academies
- Free education for all
- Students and workers, unite and fight!




**May Day greetings from  
Stevenage and District  
Trades Council - supporting  
workers in struggle**



# the Socialist May Day Greetings 2016

**Yorkshire Youth Fight for Jobs sends May Day greetings to all struggling to scrap zero-hour contracts and fight for a £10 an hour minimum wage**

Contact us at [yorkshireyfj@wordpress.com](mailto:yorkshireyfj@wordpress.com)



**Socialist Party** 

York branch of the Socialist Party sends May Day greetings to all our comrades and friends

**“Red greetings from a blue town” - Harrogate socialists**



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**Greetings from Leeds Socialist Party**

**May Day greetings to all workers Hull TUC**



**May Day greetings from Brighton and Hove Socialist Party!**



**Socialist Party**

- Supporting all those fighting poverty, injustice, racism, imperialism and oppression!
- For Sun, Sea and Socialism!

Congratulations to the national CWU for winning John Vasey's reinstatement

**Greetings from West Yorkshire CWU branch**




**Leeds TUC invites readers of the Socialist to its May Day rally and demonstration**

Saturday 30 April - 11.30am  
Victoria Gardens, Headrow, Leeds, LS1 5RL

- Speakers include: Tim Roache, GMB general secretary; Richard Burgon, Leeds East MP; Melody Redman, BMA junior doctor rep

**MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM GMB BEVERLEY BRANCH**



- Solidarity with all workers fighting to defend jobs and services
- Full support for junior doctors fighting to defend our NHS
- Socialist greeting and solidarity to all workers fighting austerity
- Say no to zero-hour contracts, no to privatisation, no to academies and no to profit-making public services through outsourcing
- We need affordable homes, a £10 an hour minimum wage and fully funded public services

**MEDWAY TRADES COUNCIL**

**May Day greetings to all readers**

- Strike against the Tories ■ Strike against austerity



**Brighton Unemployed Workers Centre Ltd brings May Day greetings to all those fighting poverty, racism, imperialism and oppression**

Oppose all benefit cuts and attacks on the employed and unemployed

We say:

- Oppose all attacks on claimants, disabled people and the low-paid
- No to privatisation and PFI
- No to imperialism's wars
- Fighting poverty amidst plenty

FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM!

Bill North - chairperson; Andy Richards - secretary; Tony Greenstein - treasurer

4 Crestway Parade, The Crestway, Brighton BN1 7BL ■ 01273 540 717

**MAY DAY GREETINGS TO SOCIALISTS, CWI MEMBERS AND WORKERS THE WORLD OVER**



**They say cut back... we say fight back!**

**Socialist Party Newcastle Branch**

**SOLIDARITY ON MAY DAY**

with all those fighting cuts and privatisation from Sudan to Seattle. Let's build the struggle for international socialism!

From Socialist Party members across the Southern Region in Oxford, Aylesbury, Didcot, Abingdon, Reading, Slough, Bracknell, Staines, Basingstoke, Southampton, Portsmouth & the Isle of Wight

**TUSC AGAINST CUTS**

**TO STOP THE CUTS VOTE TUSC MAY 5TH**

**VICTORY TO JUNIOR DOCTORS AND TEACHERS!**



Southampton and SW Hampshire TUC

**MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM THE SOCIALIST PARTY NORTHERN REGION**



**Socialist Party**

**North East NSSN extends comradely May Day greetings to all North East workers. We're fighting in our region for you, now and always**

