

ANTI★CAPITALIST RESISTANCE

No pay cuts for workers! Coordinate and escalate!

We are in a winter of discontent. Workers are standing up and fighting back against below average pay increases. For many workers we haven't had a proper pay increase since 2010 and now the below inflation pay offers are an even worse pay cut in real terms.

Coordinate and escalate

It is very good that unions are starting to coordinate some actions, we are more powerful when we take action together. We need more coordinate strikes between unions in 2023. But we need more than coordination, we need escalation too. One or two day strikes every few weeks will not win. It is as simple as that. There has to be proper escalation of the dispute to force concessions from the employers. We need a proper fundraising campaign to help people stay out with strike pay as long as they need to win.

Fight the anti union laws

We have a government introducing more and more draconian anti union laws to prevent us from taking action. This is similar to their anti-protest legislation aimed at environmental protesters. It is intended to criminalise and prevent proper action against government policies and for workers' rights. We have to organise a proper fight back and we cannot wait for a Labour government. Better to break the law than break the poor!

Build a social movement

The strikes are important because workers taking action has a huge impact on the economy. But we cannot forget about the unemployed, people on benefits, students, the elderly/pensioners etc who are also living with the increase in prices and might not be

organised in a serious way. The Poll Tax movement was successful because it mobilised millions of people to refuse to pay their Poll Tax and was a social movement with wide support. We can build a similar force today which starts from the strikes and the power of workers to take industrial action but also reaches out to other people in society who are struggling.

Labour must back the strikes!

The trade unions fund Labour but under Starmer the party has turned its back on working people and is refusing to support strikes or to say they would improve pay if they were in government. Not good enough. If Labour won't fight for us in parliament then we need a political party that will.

What ACR is fighting for

- Immediate living wage and all state benefits to rise to help the working-class cope with rising prices of food and necessary consumer goods, rent and energy prices.
- Price controls on consumer goods including food are set by workers and consumer committees.
- Rent Controls now! Cap rental prices and index them to social rent levels.
- Reintroduce the cap on energy bills to the April 2022 level. An end to higher prices for those on prepayment meters
- Take the energy, water and transport companies into public ownership and rapidly move them toward renewable energy sources.

