

UNCHAIN OUR UNIONS!



Trade unions are
an essential tool for
working-class
organisation and
resistance.

Workers' actions offer a glimmer of a better future world where we have got rid of capitalism and built a society based on **solidarity** and **collective power**, not on the diktats of capitalists and their politicians.

We support working-class resistance and organisation and challenge narrow sectionalism, making the case for a **class-wide** viewpoint and response.

At their best, unions promote solidarity amongst workers, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, or sexuality. Advocating for unions to **fight for the oppressed** on their own terms is central to an emancipatory agenda.

Socialists should be active in trade unions wherever possible. We must guard against the service model of trade unions that reduces them to insurance or a discount club. We fight for trade unions to be run by their members based in workplaces and communities, with full-time officers as a support and resource, not as decision-makers.

We promote workers' control not only of workplaces, but also of trade unions. We are critical of the inherently conservative nature of union bureaucracy, and support workers' action from below.

Trade unions in Britain are bound by the chains of the anti-union laws, as we have seen recently when workers have overwhelmingly backed strikes but turnout has blocked action. Now the Tories propose to make the law even worse. We need to **defy the law to fight the law**.

Trade unionism is a global movement and can be found in one form or another in every country. Having an **internationalist** approach and supporting workers in action across the world is crucial for socialists.

WORKERS UNITED WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED

ANTI★CAPITALIST RESISTANCE

FIGHTING DISASTER CAPITALISM WITH ECO-SOCIALISM



Hi! We're **Anti★Capitalist Resistance**, a group of revolutionary Marxists. We're fighting capitalism because it is killing us and the planet, and it has to be stopped.

Here in Britain, zero-hours contracts, insecure work, fire and rehire, and the constant driving down of pay and conditions need to be fought everywhere. This can be done most effectively by workers in trade unions. That's why corporations, the government, and the mainstream media work so hard to limit what unions can do, and to prevent workers from joining them.

In Britain and internationally, restrictions on trade unions are part of a drive towards a police state. Dictators the world over are destroying democracy – in Hong Kong, Myanmar, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, and a dozen other places. Pro-police regimes are also increasingly peddling nationalism, racism, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia.

Why is this happening? Because the world capitalist system is in deep crisis and faces growing resistance from below.

The world is facing unprecedented and interrelated crises with the coronavirus pandemic, the accelerating climate disaster, creeping fascism, and an economic crash.

Extreme inequality is out of control. There are more billionaires than ever before. Meanwhile, the world's poorest get even poorer as governments bail out private corporations and cut back on education and health. This is no accident, or just the result of greed. It is built into the logic of capitalism, a system built on profit and exploitation of people and planet.

Change is urgent. We need mass movement to win victories for democracy and social, climate, and economic justice. We must organise for action now, but also for system change.

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