



Anti-Capitalist Resistance is a revolutionary Marxist organisation in England & Wales.

The world is facing an unprecedented interrelated crisis with the accelerating climate disaster, creeping fascism, recession and the zoonotic pandemic of Covid 19 continuing.

Extreme inequality is out of control and the world's poorest get even poorer as governments bail out private corporations and cut back on education and health. This is no accident—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.

Anti-Capitalist Resistance calls itself ecosocialist because the ecological crisis is so profound that it redefines the socialist project. We are engaged not just in a struggle to end capitalism and for a socialist society, but also to have a viable planet.

Capitalism divides working class people along sexual, gender, racial, national and other distinctions; the oppressed suffer most.

We support the fight for reproductive rights, equal pay, against patriarchy, and for LGBT+ rights. We stand in solidarity with trans people currently experiencing the sharp end of a backlash against their right to exist and to unconditionally self-define their genders.

We are against racism from the state and in any other form, against immigration controls and borders, and support the struggle for migrant rights. We fight to remove the legacy of slavery and colonialism.

We are for the creation of a society without the barriers that exclude those with mental or physical impairments.

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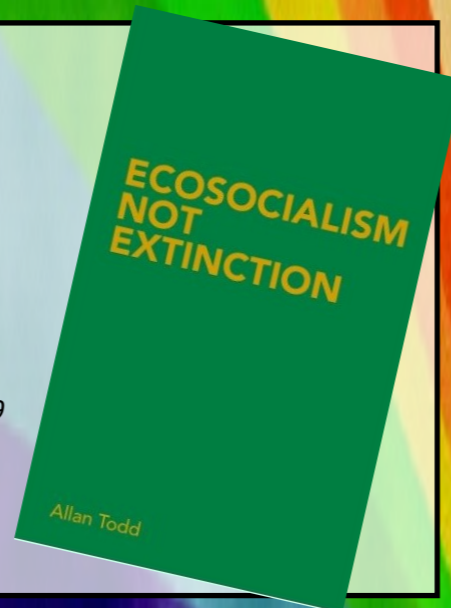
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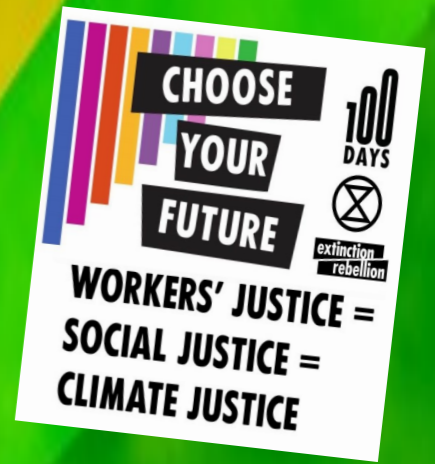
The planet is facing an existential crisis. An exit strategy from fossil energy and intensive animal agriculture is urgent. It must be based on a socially and economically just transition to renewables and a completely new relationship with the natural world. A powerful mass movement is needed now to win urgent mitigation measures to defend the planet. But we also need to fight for an ecosocialist society if we are not to face extinction. This book is an introduction to Ecosocialism and how to fight for it.

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# ANTI★CAPITALIST RESISTANCE



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### full spectrum resistance to save the planet



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# The Ecosocialist Alternative

## We support the Big One!

Extinction Rebellion's demand for "system change to tackle the interconnected crises of climate, cost of living and our broken political system" is something that all of us who want an ecologically-sustainable and socially-just world should support in any way we can. It is great news that trade unions, campaigning organisations, environmental groups and charities have given their support to the initiative. These include PCS union, Fuel Poverty Action, NHS Workers Say No!, Climate Justice Coalition, Global Justice Now, Women's Climate Strike, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth some Unite Community branches and many more.

Besides ourselves, a number of other radical left and Ecosocialist organisations are supporting the initiative.

### WORKERS' JUSTICE = SOCIAL JUSTICE = CLIMATE JUSTICE

As well as climate activists we are also workers and trade unionists. We are school, college and university workers. We are railway workers and civil servants. We are paramedics, nurses, doctors and other NHS workers. Today we are taking action for our pay and conditions, for safer staffing and to defend jobs. We are defending our public services. We as climate activists stand in solidarity with striking workers everywhere.

Striking is a powerful form of non-violent direct action. We live in a world that puts profit before people or planet. The same system that is destroying lives by driving up prices and driving down wages is also destroying life on earth.

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TO US.



The **Extinction Rebellion Trade Unionists** group – founded a couple of years ago, is also a very welcome development which we fully support. It has done great work in supporting striking workers, raising climate demands and drawing the environmental and workers movements closer together. We will continue to work closely with XRTU, echoing their demands for workers', social and climate justice, as well as the Campaign Against Climate Change

Trade Union Group and others like Earth Strike.

As well as working to make sure *The Big One* as a whole and especially its trade union Hub (opposite the south end of the Houses of Parliament, just past Old Palace Yard) is a major success, we think it is important to flag up the *We make Tomorrow* conference on 20 May in Manchester, Organised by the Trade Union Caucus of the Climate Justice Coalition, who successfully mobilised many trade unionists around COP 26, the conference will bring together workers in key sectors with trade union officials, climate justice activists and scientists, providing a space to discuss the urgently needed strategies and tactics to build a tomorrow that works for the majority and not the billionaires.



## No to endless growth

Exponential economic growth is incompatible with a finite planet. It is a major driver of global warming and environmental destruction. As the global economy grows, so does environmental pollution and global warming. Natural resources become exhausted. More waste is dumped into the global biosphere than it can safely absorb, leading to dysfunction and collapse.

Meanwhile growth benefits the profits of the few rather than the needs of the many – across the globe and within countries

Our Ecosocialism prioritises production, for use rather than for profit. We emphasise a better quality of life, health, education, leisure time etc. rather than the endless accumulation of material things We argue for public ownership and grassroots planning by workers and users of services.



**ACR Podcast:** Simon Hannah reads his review of Saito's Marx in the Anthropocene which discusses these and related issues:



## What demands do ecosocialists put forward?

A socially just transition - led by communities, workers and the oppressed and including climate reparations. This will involve a massive transfer of resources from the global North to the South.

Make the polluters pay and price carbon out of the equation by making it more expensive than renewables. The rapid abolition of industrial scale factory farming and the provision of high quality, affordable and healthy alternatives to meat and dairy products.

A massive programme of retrofitting homes to the highest standards and creating sustainable and accessible new-build social housing.

Nationalise the energy sector both to decarbonise it and to cut our bills.

Provide high quality, affordable, fully accessible integrated public transport to take as many cars off the roads as possible. We think these demands can command mass support amongst the wider population and begin to build a consensus for radical environmental action.

As ecosocialists, we recognise that the crisis extends far beyond just climate change with impacts on biodiversity, the oceans and natural resources. All of these must be defended and safeguarded.

## How to kick the carbon habit

Forcing major structural change against the will of the ruling elites will need a powerful mass movement, something most effectively generated by high impact demands that can command widespread support across society. The key to this is to make fossil fuel far more expensive than renewables by means that are socially just, that redistribute wealth from the rich to the poor, global North to global South and that can bring about a big reduction in emissions in the time available. This means heavily taxing the polluters to both cut emissions and make the polluters fund the transition to renewables. This could provide the framework for very big emissions reductions, here and now even whilst capitalism still exists, on the basis of a major transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor.

The funds generated would be invested in our communities, green infrastructure– free public transport, retrofitting homes for warmth and energy efficiency.

A rapid, just transition to a zero carbon economy must be done in a way that benefits the mass of working class people at the expense of the big capitalists.

To achieve this, we need to build the biggest possible broad movement to demand action on climate change and force governments to act.

## ECOSOCIALISM 2023

ACR plans to hold a major conference of Ecosocialist ideas in the autumn– to discuss these and other ideas to take the movement forward.

If you are interested in participating as a group or individual or have ideas and suggestions to put forward, please get in touch.

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