

ANTI★CAPITALIST RESISTANCE

Strikes- yes!

But we need so much more



Photo- Steve Eason

Months of strikes have revitalised socialists and trades unionist activists across Britain. Big majorities for action, walkouts and large demonstrations have been inspiring. Tens of thousands have joined unions, thousands have become reps and activists.

But we are a long way from reversing the decline of the organised working class over the last forty years, writes **Chris Jones**

Rebuilding a shop stewards movement

Our immediate priority is rebuilding a shop stewards movement. This needs support from union branches workplace and local activists. The conferences this summer could start that process. Local cooperation between all existing networks and trades councils at the could energise far more people. Democratic, open and constructive discussion is vital to stop people being driven away. Efforts such as Enough is Enough held out this prospect but stumbled into an empty shell leaving thousands frustrated.

Organising the unorganised

Organising the unorganised is another priority. Vast swathes of workers are outside the unions. Skilled and unskilled are not as split as they were

but atomised and migrant workers are still second class in union priorities. We must organise the whole working class.

Unions mostly focus on big workplaces with a tradition of organisation. These are important, but precarious workers are vital if we are to create inclusive working class consciousness. Women are driven out of the workforce as the collapsing welfare state forces them back into the home as carers. Migrants are scapegoated for crumbling public services. Taxation (even better expropriation) of the rich and big companies is the only way to rebuild the services we need.

Our politics need to lead to action. Whether over massive bills, the threat of climate catastrophe, people disabled by an inaccessible society, racist scaremongering or

evictions, we point to the common problem capitalism as a system built on profit and manufactured scarcity. Socialists fight to transform trade union struggles into a *class wide* fight by building a broad solidarity movement. This, can involve those working class people not already in organised workplaces - students, pensioners, the unemployed, the disabled peoples movement.

We must move beyond one day strikes - we need sustained action to put pressure on the government. This means a serious fundraising and allocating union funds to sustain action that can win.

The anti union laws have to be challenged

Labour must be pressured to commit to repealing them and introduce, a positive bill of rights for workers. The Free Our Unions campaign

is organising around these issues.

Organised workers often remain isolated in their workplaces and individual unions, unconnected to the wider class. We need the means to bring them together, officially or informally. Not just by winning some to socialist organisations (good as that is) but as collectives linking workplaces in the same company and the same town.

The fight to transform our unions is central

We need industrial unions; specific unions for health, local government, school education and higher education. Huge amalgamated general unions are the products of defeats not of strength. We do not need left caucuses organised behind closed doors. We have to breakdown the sectarianism that limits our capacity. Open

democratic functioning is the only way to win new participants to militant/activists networks. Grassroots organising rather than office holding needs to be the priority. Socialists have to focus on the self activity of the working class fighting to transform the world.

This means organising from below and challenging entrenched bureaucracies.



Royal Mail: the pitfalls of partnership

By a retired postal worker and CWU member

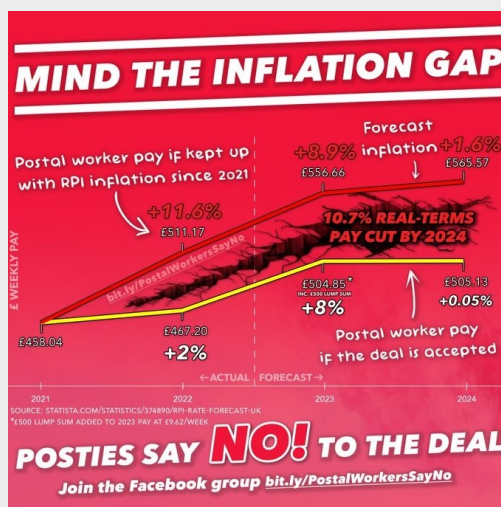
At the time of writing (mid June) postal workers have yet to vote on the deal agreed between Royal Mail (RM) management and the CWU leadership. The ballot on the deal has been postponed twice and is not yet scheduled. CWU annual conference 2023, having been postponed once, has now been cancelled.

These delays point to a union leadership worried about members views. Since the deal was announced towards the end of April, the leadership has discovered that the membership is less than happy with them.

No wonder. Having taken 18 days of strike action, up to Christmas Eve, to defend terms and conditions and win a pay rise matching inflation, workers are being offered 10% over 3 years (2022-2025), a £500 unconsolidated payment (although rumours suggest an increase to £1000) and a massive attack on terms and conditions. Later starts and finishes on delivery means an end to one of the major attractions of the job to many, that they can collect kids from school. Workers will be delivering in the dark in winter.

Entitlement to sick pay and attendance procedure are to be downgraded, and seasonal hours introduced.

In December, while strike days were ongoing, management unilaterally introduced new terms for new starters, including a longer working week and making Sunday part of their normal working week (voluntary for the existing workforce). Such a two-tier workforce means people doing



the same job on different pay, and thus will make it harder to defend terms and conditions in the future.

Over 300 workers have been dismissed or suspended for 'picket line offences'. Previously this would often spark immediate walkouts. This time, members were told the issue

would be addressed in the settlement of the dispute. Lord Falconer, Blair's Secretary of State for Justice, will review the cases; reports of the outcome so far are not good.

Management unilaterally introduced changes to deliveries in December, increasing workloads, meaning a lot of mail is either delayed or not being delivered. Local reps were leant on by union full-timers to accept this, despite knowing they were unworkable.

Since the union executive agreed this deal, they have realised the scale of opposition. They have carried out an unprecedented level of in-person workplace reps to try to persuade members to accept. They are trying to organise a joint online briefing with all RM managers and all CWU reps to say management are committed to working with the union to ensure smooth working together. Desperation knows no bounds.

How did we get here? The union leadership has always said it recognises the company's problems. They talk of the deal "benefiting workers, customers and the company". When Royal Mail says it is in dire straits and talks of possibly

going into administration, the leadership has no answer. Capitalist logic needs to be rejected and re-nationalisation made central.

The union leadership has shown that it had no strategy beyond assuming the company would fold in the face of one (or occasionally two) day strikes. For a long time vitriol was aimed – justifiably – at RM's CEO Simon Thompson. But Thompson's replacements are just as hard line.

There has always been an attitude among postal workers activists that they can go it alone without seriously linking up with other workers – and customers. This is short-sighted. Enough is Enough, in which the CWU was central, could have broken through that isolation, but has been allowed to disappear. The CWU pays no strike pay, but has a hardship fund. Enough is Enough could have been a basis for organising financial support.

Whatever the fate of this dispute, strong workplace organisation is needed to defeat attacks.

Control of disputes must rest with directly elected representatives not those who do not suffer the brunt of management's attacks.

Iran: Women, Life, Freedom

By Ian Parker

Every reactionary movement inside Iran is affected by reactionary forces outside, the very same forces that exploit and oppress people in their own countries, however far they are geographically from Iran itself. And every possible alternative that has developed over the years there is also tied to liberal progressive and ecosocialist movements elsewhere, here wherever we live.

A woman – Jina, Mahsa Amini – was murdered by the 'morality police', apparently because she was not wearing appropriate clothing. This death in custody which sparked mass protests on the streets of Iran by young women is a feminist issue. This is a feminist struggle that is part of ecosocialist struggle against the regime. And the murder of this woman, who was Kurdish, brings into political struggle the activity of the many minorities of Iran.

Now we are seeing a combination or 'intersection' of social movements inside Iran that depend on the balance of forces at a global level. This latest uprising inside Iran appears, at first glance, to be local but it is actually international in scope and consequence. That calls for an internationalist response.

Demands

These close links between women's struggle, the struggle for life and for freedom demand that we take seriously now the links between what is happening inside Iran and what is happening outside, here, for us.

What can you do? At least this:

Organise

A first necessary step for any effective solidarity action is that you link with others so you are not isolated. Successful activity, in Iran and here, comes from collectively organising. Building networks is also the best form of support to continue in solidarity work. That means, at bare minimum, being part of a Trade Union, and being part of other groups, including community and feminist groups.

Demonstrate

A key part of breaking the media silence over Iran – a silence that is only broken from time to time in confusing reports of conflict and violence – is to make the issue visible. Iranians on the streets are already making it visible, and the more people that join them the more this will put pressure on the regime. The opposition inside Iran watches what is

happening outside, so that visibility is not only for the mainstream media but for them, for it shows they are not alone.

Listen

There are many different kinds of Iranian opposition demonstrations on the streets – that much will be clear from what we have described in previous chapters – and it is good to speak with participants and ask them what they want. Key questions that will help you work out where they are on the political map will include; what they think about the role of women organising for themselves, to wear what they want where they want; what they think about the rights of the rights of the different nations of Iran; who they look to as their allies and who they view as problems.

Woman Life Freedom, for Iran and worldwide



The **Red Roots Collective** is a group of Iranian socialists based in Manchester.

They are currently involved in building an anti-deportation campaign. Connect with them on Facebook: fb.com/100089726881823

Ditch the Tories but organise for an anti-capitalist alternative

By Dave Kellaway

Sunak is facing a losing battle to stop the Tories losing power. All the attacks on migrants and his culture wars cannot wipe out the everyday reality for the vast majority of us – wage cuts, soaring energy bills, a crisis ridden NHS, cash-strapped schools and council spending choked off.

While the planet burns or floods and our rivers are polluted by privatised water companies he increasingly panders to the climate change deniers in his party.

Faced with the strike wave and a rising tide of environmental protests he passes repressive laws that aim to demonise activists and break the will to struggle. Even his MPs know their days are numbered and are fighting like rats in a sinking ship. Some are looking to secure a better pay day, others are conspiring to win control of the party after a Sunak defeat. The myth of Brexit giving people back control or ushering in an era of plenty based on free trade deals with the US will not con the electorate for a second time.

What sort of change will Keir Starmer's Labour make?

Millions of workers will vote Labour in order to end a regime that is making their lives and the environment worse. Labour does have some policies such as on rights at work, the green energy plan or investment in the NHS that we would all support as first steps to exit the multiple crises. Certainly a radical change requires a much bigger investment.

It requires wealth taxes, taking back key utilities and industries into common ownership and a challenge to capitalist power. Starmer's relentless removal of Corbyn's progressive policies aims to reassure the bosses that their power will not be touched. Worse still not a week goes by that shadow chancellor, Rachel Reeves, does not water down even these timid policies – first the green energy plan has been delayed for two years and now universal child care appears to a lot less universal. The election manifesto could look even more moderate.

Does this mean there is no difference between a Labour or Tory government?

Apart from the marginal, but significant, differences in policies, organising under a Labour government is less constrained. People will feel more confident about change and if - as is likely – Labour keeps change within very strict limits then historic illusions in Labour can be weakened. Trade unions have been more active this year and are mostly affiliated to the Labour Party. They could be a base for winning more radical policies. Whatever happens with the election the most important priority is to deepen and extend the self-organisation we have seen in the strike wave and campaigns. We should not hold back and wait for Labour. The Labour leadership refuses to support strikers and has abstained on the new repressive laws going through parliament.

Real anti-capitalist change will only come through the left, whether inside or outside the Labour Party working together to patiently build a culture and network of struggle and solidarity that can lay the basis for a socialist alternative.

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Racists, refugees & red meat

By Brian Standish

The death throes of a Tory government bereft of hope or any positive ideas- throwing red meat at their own supporters and attacking everyone else- workers, migrants, oppressed and marginalised groups. A 'culture war' based on racism, homophobia, transphobia, repressive legislation against strikers and climate protestors.

The fruits of their desperate attempts to demonise asylum seekers are there to see- a growth in the still tiny organised far right groups and a larger growth in suspicion and hatred in society.

A week before the ugly scenes of an attack on the hotel housing refugees in Knowsley, Merseyside, we saw a similar mobilisation of a local mob and fascists from further afield, in Cannock Chase. Since then scenes of rallies and attacks against people seeking asylum have been seen across in many towns and cities in England, Scotland and Wales.

And small fascist groups such as Patriotic Alternative have widened their actions to attack the LGBTQ+ community- in particular trans people- whipping up opposition to such events as the Drag Queen Story Hours.

After a long six months of mobilisation and counter-mobilisation, it is fair to say the fascists are, for now, on the back foot. They have failed to make headway. Patriotic Alternative split, giving rise to Homeland, which has so far proved unable to make its mark.

But we cannot be complacent. We need to take up the arguments around asylum and other issues, supporting workers in struggle and trans people defending their rights. We have to build broad, local coalitions and outnumber the fascists on the streets as well as marginalising them and countering their poison on social media. And we need to link up with trade unions and cost of living / anti-cuts campaigns to fight for the resources all our communities need.

The dozens of vigils for Brianna Ghey- a life cut so tragically short by hate- drew large numbers of young people clear about what is at stake, and willing to fight. That is a beacon and a hope for the future.

Patriotic Alternative: Fascist floaters in Suella's sewer!

Patriotic Alternative, and now Homeland, are the latest in a long line of small fascist groups to come to prominence for their incitement against refugees and asylum seekers, trans and other LGBTQIA+ people and others.

However, these nasty little groups are not the cause but a symptom of wider problems in British society.

They simply promote in more extreme forms the ideas and obsessions of the Tory government and its backers in the rightwing press. Their inflammatory language and fear-mongering differs only in degree from that used by Suella Braverman, 30p Lee Anderson and endless Daily Mail and Daily Express editorials and front pages.

Sometimes desperate people are swept along by this rhetoric- with its false offer of easy solutions- and driven into the arms of the far right.

We must drive a wedge between the hardened fascists and those they seek to influence.

We do this by trying to mobilise the biggest and most diverse opposition to them and by challenging the bigotry on which they feed. We also work to show there is a real alternative- a society built on solidarity, where everyone's needs are met and no individuals or communities are left behind.

After the Big One– XR & the Labour Movement

By Rob Marsden

Extinction Rebellion's "The Big One", a long weekend of climate actions, pickets and demonstrations in London in April, was a success on its own terms. It brought large numbers of people, many for the first time, onto the streets and assembled a very broad and diverse coalition - with hundreds of campaigning groups, charities, NGO's, businesses and political organisations signing up. This was a result of XR's declared shift in emphasis away from disruptive activities towards coalition building and growing and broadening the environmental movement. It also meant XR attempting actively to engage with other forces around cost of living campaigns, the strike wave (largely through the exemplary work of Extinction Rebellion Trade Unionists XRTU) and the opposition to draconian anti-protest and anti-strike legislation.

Our friends at RS21 produced an analysis of The Big One* with which we largely agree. However, we would add comments about some of the weaknesses and potential problems for the future of the movement.

XR went a long way in framing its demands and actions in the context of the cost of living crisis and made overtures towards the broader labour movement. But this was largely unreciprocated. Very few of the 200 or so sponsoring organisations can be in any way identified as Labour movement bodies. Notable by its absence in particular was SERA, Labour's environmental organisation which neither sponsored The Big One nor sent out any publicity inviting supporters to attend! Furthermore, on the major set-piece demonstration of Saturday 22nd April, when 60,000 people hit the streets, there were barely any movement banners or organised contingents. Yes, there were a small number of local banners- some from Unite Community and a UCU branch banner- but no national ones were in evidence. I also saw no Labour CLP or branch banners at all, which is quite unusual. Of course there were many trade unionists and Labour Party members there as individuals. John McDonnell MP was a welcome presence, and there may have been other prominent individuals.

If Labour nationally is attempting to seize the green agenda and put forward a radical set of environmental proposals (as it must), this is not sufficient. These policies will have to be actively promoted and fought for within the movement itself – both in the party as well in as the unions. In particular we must convince key sections of the trade union movement that a just, worker-led, transition is the only way to protect jobs.

A bold and comprehensive zero-carbon strategy is something which should be able to unite all wings of the party and provide the sort of inspiration to a new layer of young activists which we haven't seen since the radical, insurgent manifesto of 2017.

*rs21.org.uk/2023/05/12/extinction-rebellion-at-a-crossroads



Photo– Extinction Rebellion

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.



Photo– Roland Rance

To achieve this, we need to build the biggest possible broad movement to demand action on climate change and force governments to act. Everything, everywhere, all at once!

Can we have endless growth on a finite planet?

Exponential economic growth is incompatible with a finite planet. It is a major driver of global warming and environmental destruction and it cannot continue at its current rate without disastrous results.

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.

Ecosocialism prioritises production for use not profit. We emphasise quality of life over endless accumulation of material things and 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.



The Cumbria coal mine– in the frontline of the environmental struggle

By Allan Todd

Despite all the recent UK and world evidence of the worsening climate and ecological crises, West Cumbria Mining (WCM) and the Tories still want to go ahead with a new coalmine in Cumbria!

If WCM are telling the truth (they don't have a good record), then the coke they say they will mine is planned to release 200m tonnes of CO2 over its lifetime - that's TWICE the total released every year by the UK's entire energy sector! However, local residents and activists across Britain are fighting back.

For more about the current legal actions, visit: slacc.org.uk/cumbria-coal-mine/

And for regular protest actions: facebook.com/events/275077631628528/

Few things are ever really new– the anti-claimant attack

This article, by **Bob Williams-Findlay** on behalf of **A*CR disabled members and allies** critiques the ongoing stigmatization, stereotype reinforcement, and policy changes that have resulted in cuts to welfare services, infringing on the independence and dignity of disabled individuals. A fuller version is on our website

In 2016, Ruth Patrick wrote, “In the UK, a dominant narrative operates to stereotype and stigmatise out-of-work benefit claimants as inactive welfare dependents who require activation if they are to enter paid employment and behave responsibly.”

The current situation for disabled people in the United Kingdom is one of the most oppressive in living memory. Many are experiencing cuts to services and benefits they rely upon to live independent lives, whilst others fear that reductions in services will ultimately lead to them being forced back into residential care.

The root cause of many disabled people’s negative experiences over the two decades has been the government’s dismantling of the welfare state (both benefits and services) and the promotion of ‘self-reliance’. This framework was initially developed by the Blair Labour government, then built upon by the Conservative-Liberal Dem coalition and subsequent Cameron and May governments during the ‘age of austerity’.

This is not essentially about reducing the welfare bill. Its primary focus is on making disabled people ‘disappear’ so they are not a concern for the state. This is achieved by redefining the categories imposed upon people with chronic ill health or permanent impairments to constrain numbers.

So we have witnessed a decrease in disabled people

being presented as “dependent”, “deserving” or “vulnerable”, but have also seen a growing number denied access to welfare services including social care and independent living because of changing criteria. The more restricted ‘disability category’ is related to the neoliberal policy focus on labour market engagement and welfare-to-work.

Groundhog Day

Frances Ryan on 30 May 2023 writes in The Guardian: “*Few things are ever really new. It is exactly a decade since former chancellor George Osborne launched cuts to the benefits system totalling tens of billions of pounds, and with them, fuelled rhetoric so toxic that it caused an increase in hate crime towards disabled people. This was the era of Benefits Street and the Sun’s Beat the Cheat campaign, where it was quite normal for a national newspaper to invite readers to report their disabled neighbours..*”

The website **benefitsandwork.co.uk** reports: *A media hate campaign against support group claimants has begun, as the government moves to abolish the work capability assessment and allow unqualified jobcentre work coaches to decide whether claimants are capable of work. Sick and disabled claimants are even being blamed for the rise in immigration into the UK.*

The lead article in the Telegraph of 24 May revealed “Millions on benefits do not have to seek work” with a sub-heading “Taxpayers face bankrolling payments indefinitely for 3.7 million given exemption from having to find a job.”

The very next day, *The Jeremy Vine Show* unleashed a

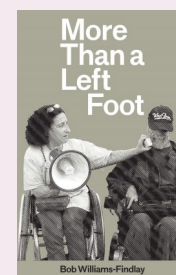
vile attack using its sub-headline as bait. This triggered a backlash from claimants, supported by Disabled People Against The Cuts, with personal testimonies appearing on YouTube Many explained why they had been forced onto benefits; others sought to justify why they couldn’t work. They demanded an apology. While these responses are understandable, there are dangers in trying to ‘justify’ one’s individual status. Pleas for justice can be twisted into stereotypes of deserving and undeserving poor. It can also legitimate further medicalising the benefit assessment system which would be used against claimants.

Fighting back

As disabled socialists, we understand why an apology was called for, but this alone is not enough. The type of rhetoric being used by the mass media echoes that used by the Nazis to justify its euthanasia programme for sick and disabled people. The Covid-19 pandemic was used to allow older and disabled people to die needlessly.

We believe the Telegraph aided by Channel 5 are committing a hate crime, putting lives at risk. The fight needs to be taken to these oppressive forces – disabled people, other claimants, trade unionists and socialists, need to launch a new campaign to defend our people.

Bob blogs at **More Than A Left Foot**– mtalf.home.blog And his book of the same title is available from Resistance Books



France: the movement at an impasse

In France, the movement appears to be at a moment of impasse despite the unpopularity of the government’s attacks.

The mobilisation from January through to May saw a level of unity between different trade union federations unusual for France. Even after Macron pushed through his pension reforms on 14 April, using a controversial, but legal, mechanism to avoid a vote in parliament on the bill, the dynamic continued to some extent. Nor did the massive repression thrown not only against the pensions movement, but also against the environmental movement, stem the tide of resistance.

The movement, around the question of retirement at 64, crystallizes a deeper crisis. The popular classes have been attacked for several months by the consequences of inflation, the rise in the cost of living in general, food and energy in

particular, the effects of Covid. This reflects the attempt by capital to



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reduce the share of wealth going to working class people, directly by suppressing wages and indirectly by imposing new taxes, attacking pension rights and raising prices.

May 1st saw a massive show of strength with 2.3 million demonstrators and 300 demonstrations across the country, according to the Communist Party dominated federation, the CGT

(Confédération Générale du Travail). It was the largest May Day mobilisation

in the last 30 years other than that in 2002, which took place on the eve of the second round of

the presidential contest between Chirac and Le Pen when the demonstration was transformed into an anti-fascist wave of more than two million people in the streets. But the next mobilisation called by the inter-union coordination on June 6th saw a real decline in numbers and strength.

With some important exceptions, local or sectoral coordinations have been relatively weak. The energy of local

activists has been channelled into concerts of pots and pans and welcoming committees for ministers visiting different towns and cities, but this has not been enough to give a new dynamic that could provide a general perspective of struggle to a social movement that is not exhausted.

At the same time there is a political failure where the NUPES, the loose political formation launched by Jean-Luc Mélenchon, is not seeking to use the present situation to propose that trade union and political activists form locally unitary structures to build a force that can pose an alternative to Macron and the far right. Rather they are focusing their energies on next year’s European election, standing aside from the responsibility their success as the primary left force in the parliamentary elections gives them in the movement.



Decriminalise abortion now!

By Veronica Fagan

A woman has been jailed for terminating her pregnancy.

This is Britain, not the United States or Poland.

Her conviction was under the 1861 Offences Against The Person Act, under which a woman can be jailed for life!

When the 1967 Abortion Act was brought in, this piece of Victorian legislation remained on the statute book. The '67 Act, rightly trumpeted as one of the most pro-choice laws in the world at the time, didn't decriminalise abortion, but rather made it legal in specific circumstances.

Abortion should be treated like any other healthcare procedure, choosing to have a termination should never be a crime. Many voices have been raised since the sentence demanding the modernisation of the law and arguing for the full right to bodily autonomy. A*CR fully supports those demands,

Abortion rights have not been under full-scale attack in Britain for some time. The reactionary 'war on woke' here has focused much more on migrants, on trans people, on disabled people and generalised support for misogyny.

But at the same time the voices of the anti-abortionists have become more shrill, emboldened by their successes elsewhere. They are hassling women more and more outside health facilities which provide terminations. In recent days they have been all over the media.

The pro-choice movement needs to take the threat seriously. The labour movement needs to mobilise to defend reproductive rights – and to fight for decriminalisation now.

Now more than ever the old slogans of the movement ring true:

Not the church, not the state, women should decide our fate.

Our bodies, our lives, our right to decide.

Susan Pashkoff writes:

On June 24 2022 the US Supreme Court overturned laws codifying the national right to abortion, leaving it to the states. Attacks on reproductive rights started earlier at a state level; with grotesque restrictions such as the supposed "foetal heartbeat" bills (around 6 weeks).

have increased. People of colour are greatly impacted due to poverty, lack of health insurance, reproductive healthcare, discrimination, and lack of access to childcare and insufficient welfare benefits.

Despite widespread support for abortion rights, it is restricted in many states. Accessing abortion is

pushed through the availability of Mifepristone without safety tests (despite it being used for 23 years safely).

The Supreme Court (SCOTUS) agreed with the Biden administration's demand for a stay in stopping its use. The contradictory decisions means that the SCOTUS will

Attacks on the right to bodily autonomy continue in the US

This year has seen a continued attack on the right to choose in states controlled by the right, as well as the codification of abortion rights in others controlled by the Democrats. Little has been done at the national level, as laws which limit federal money used for abortion still stand and impacts those that directly receive medical help from the federal government.

Alongside the elimination of the right of bodily autonomy for those that can get pregnant, we have seen whole scale attacks on trans people accessing medical treatment and support. Often it's the same right-wing forces in the same places targeting marginalised and oppressed people; but desperate to maintain strict binary gender roles. It is expected that 24 states will ban abortion or are expected to do so soon; currently 14 states with 1.78 million people (women, trans and non-binary people) are unable to access critical healthcare.

Many seeking abortions had to travel prior to the overturn of Roe, this has increased as accessing surgical abortions is harder. This particularly impacts those that are poorer, or are in jobs that don't allow sick-days or holidays; the same inequalities that existed when abortion was legal

extremely difficult across wide swathes of the United States; particularly in the US southeast and the Midwest.

Medication abortions are the most common type of abortions and several states try to limit this. An attempt to revive the 1873 Comstock Act about sending lewd and lascivious material through the mail, which would



prevent shipping abortion pills, failed.

Contradictory rulings have come from federal judges of the states of Texas and Washington in relation to the drug Mifepristone (used in combination with Misoprostol). The Washington ruling supported Mifepristone's use and queried whether the judiciary could rule on medicine. In Texas, the attack came through a lawsuit from a Trump appointed State Supreme Court Justice Kacsmaryk which upheld allegations that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

probably hear the cases; jeopardising the use of Mifepristone. While this will further constrain access to abortion, it must be noted that even if Texas wins, Misoprostol on its own can ensure abortion.

Gains have been made in some states eg Kansas, Vermont, Michigan, Montana and Kentucky though ballot motions and legal measures. On 9 June, Maine not only protected access to abortion until viability (6 months), but also extended access post-viability with a doctor's approval. Some states that maintained the right to abortion also ensure that those from other states travelling to get an abortion will be covered by their funds.

Covering costs for travel and ensuring access to medication abortions is essential. Contributions to and support for the National Network for Abortion Funds (or local groups) must be prioritised. But many people cannot afford to travel or take time off work and there are massive inequalities existing in the US accessing general and reproductive healthcare.

Anti-abortion laws and bans fall hardest on the most marginalised and oppressed people.

Photo by Danielle Kessler, from the New York City protest 22nd June 2022

Ukraine—controversy as UCU debates the war

By Elizabeth Lawrence

Two motions were debated at UCU Congress 2023: Motion 6 from the NEC proposing humanitarian and education solidarity work and Motion 5 from a “Stop the War” perspective which controversially called on the UK government to stop arming Ukraine.

Many UCU members support StWC because of their opposition to the 2003 invasion of Iraq. UCU’s affiliation to the Coalition dates back many years and support for it can be a default position. A motion with ‘peace now’ in the title sounds appealing.

After debate, the StWC motion narrowly passed by nine votes. The NEC’s motion was carried overwhelmingly. This not only condemns Russia’s invasion of Ukraine (as did Motion 5) but recognises Ukraine’s right to self-determination. It addresses support for refugees and calls for cancellation of Ukraine’s debt and tasks the UCU International Working Group with developing practical solidarity with Ukrainian trade unionists and feminists. This motion can be built upon to increase understanding within UCU of the situation in Ukraine and the need for solidarity.

The main disagreements

Some of the support for the Stop the War motion comes from people who view the war as purely an

inter-imperialist conflict like 1914. Therefore, socialists have no interest in which side wins and there is no good way forward for Ukrainian workers. The only options are total dominance by Russian imperialism or by USA/NATO/European Union and imposition of a neo-liberal economic programme.

However, for us, the work of Ukrainian trade unions and the Ukrainian Social Movement demonstrates that there are other choices for the working class. This dismal perspective is paradoxically held by people who are often good in other contexts at resisting voices of doom that workers can never win. The writers of this motion argued that: ‘Wars are fought by the poor and unemployed of one country killing and maiming the poor and unemployed of another’ - a cliché which does not fit with the actual character of popular resistance in Ukraine war.

Another debate is over the difference between support for the right of the Ukrainian people to access arms from any available source and support for NATO and Western imperialism. We need to be clear that solidarity should be unconditional and that countries which supply arms to Ukraine must not dictate to Ukraine the terms of a future peace settlement.

Delegates heard both the argument about the dangers of escalation and nuclear war –that supplying arms simply poured fuel on the flames –

and the argument that condemnation of the Russian invasion and support for Ukrainian self-determination makes little sense if Ukrainians are denied the weapons to defend themselves. These members can be won to a position of solidarity with Ukraine.

Trade unionists see the value in negotiations so respond positively to calls for ceasefire and dialogue. They should, however, also be aware that you can’t negotiate with an employer who is resolved to smash the union. Faced with total destruction, we understand why the Ukrainian people resist and need weapons, and we understand that Putin’s denial of Ukraine’s independence is a major obstacle to peace.

What is the way forward?

We must ensure that Ukrainian voices are heard. Prior to the congress the Ukraine Solidarity Movement organised an online fringe with John McDonnell MP, Denys Pilash from Ukrainian Social Movement and Volodymyr Fundovnyi of the Ukrainian Free Trade Union of Education and Science. Together with the leaflet distributed, delegates were able to hear some of the Ukrainian perspective.

Now we must ensure that branches build on the NEC motion and deliver practical solidarity.

Solidarity with the people of Ukraine

Right from the beginning of Putin’s brutal invasion of Ukraine, Anti-Capitalist Resistance has stood alongside the Ukrainian people in their justified defence of their nation. This is a war of annihilation by Russian imperialism, aimed at destroying Ukraine as an independent state.

From the outset we demanded the Westminster government open the borders to those fleeing Ukraine, as they should for all those fleeing war and oppression.

We support their right to obtain arms to repel Russian aggression, from whatever countries are willing to provide them, whilst at the same time warning against placing trust in NATO or US / British imperialism.

We are a part of the Ukraine Solidarity Campaign in Britain and we seek to build links with socialists and trade unionists in Ukraine.

We also stand in solidarity with the Russian democratic and anti-war movements.

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Vitalii Dudin, President of Sotsialnyi Rukh/Social Movement.

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Mick Antoniw, Member of the Welsh Parliament.

Artificial Intelligence and the Luddites

By Ewan Cameron

One consequence of ‘national education’ is how it crushes folk memories. I grew up in the English Midlands, in a place where 200 years previously, the movement that came to be known as Luddism sprung up. Luddism was a social movement of the 1810s, one quickly snuffed out by state violence.

Like most people from my generation, the word ‘Luddite’ was simply a synonym for someone who hated new technology. I probably heard it used to describe people who refused to get a mobile phone, or who persisted with handwritten letters well into the age of email. If I thought about who the Luddites were, I imagined them as a quasi-religious sect that held primitive views against the inevitable march of technological progress.

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Actually, far from an irrational cult, the Luddites were a highly organised group of workers. Did they smash up looms? Sure, but it wasn’t because they hated some abstract idea of technology. The fury of the Luddite movement was centred around the relationship of clothing workers to their work. For frame-work knitters in particular, their livelihoods were not only being ground down by the introduction of machinery that would improve productivity (i.e. profits to the owners) but the practice of speculators investing in frames that could be rented out to the labourers. Thus, immiseration came from both a reduction in the cost of goods and increased rental costs for the frames.

Artificial Inevitability

How does Luddism apply to Artificial Intelligence (AI)? In the past year AI software, most notably Chat-GPT, has reached a point where its output is close to passing the Turing Test - appearing almost indistinguishable from a human.

I say almost, because as someone who has used Chat-GPT, it is far from a finished product, and claims of

Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), the presumed state of technology where systems are more intelligent than humans, still seems a long way off. In my work as a copywriter, I have found ChatGPT useful as a sounding board for ideas, for example feeding it a sentence and asking it for five suggestions on how to make it nicer, from which I select and edit. However, anyone who uses it to produce full copy will be putting out some pretty terrible, and potentially misleading information.

In terms of work, AI style programs will shakeup labour markets, especially in industries that work with text, and even things like software coding and programming will see job losses. However, we must be clear that this is not a case of ‘robots replacing humans’ .AI does not show up at your workplace with a zinc-coated name tag and a manager saying, “Everyone, this is your new colleague RobbieV2, who’ll be working for us without pay. I’m sure you’ll all do your best to make him feel welcome.” Instead, AI provides the conditions for a reorganisation of labour.

Economics dresses itself in the language of inevitability, but there is nothing inevitable that says labour-saving technology must equal job losses. Did societies of ancient humans, arriving on a new, firmer, style of knot for foraging baskets, lament that, with the additional carrying ability these baskets provided, some members of the tribe would now go hungry? Or did these increases in productivity allow them more time for other innovations, for leisure, art, and culture?

The introduction of a new productive technology into a labour process could mean that we reduce the working day. In a capitalist society, one in which many different companies compete, doing this would put a company at a disadvantage, at least in terms of price, in the market. Thus, the introduction of new productive technologies allows capitalists to reduce the number of workers it takes to make a product.

AI doesn’t put people out of work, people put people out of work. The Luddites understood this. That is why, alongside sabotage, they wrote letters

and petitions to parliament asking them for legal protection against capitalist speculators.

AI implementation for productivity and labour reduction is not the only antagonism. AI as a means of labour control is another battleground that tomorrow’s Luddites must engage with. AI systems are not just able to write like humans, but in terms of data processing go well beyond human capabilities.

Consider what anyone who has ever used AI will tell you: it is not and never will be accurate. Only a fool would simply take text generated by AI and put it out there into the world as is. Perhaps this does not matter when it comes to trivial stuff like marketing,

These are all positive proposals, and trade unions should start to unite around them. Simultaneously, however, legislation about the ethical use of AI in the workplace cannot by itself account for capitalism’s larger shadow of constantly seeking to reduce labour costs by any means necessary. Protecting workers against automated management decisions will not in itself prevent layoffs due to ‘efficiency gains’ of new AI, or indeed any technology, for this is the baked-in logic of capitalism, almost the same as it was 200 years ago.

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but when dealing with life-changing stuff like the ability to get a job or not be selected as a potential criminal, do not want to talk to a real person when we find ourselves victim of an accounting error?

Worker resistance against AI regimes thus needs to target the companies that work with AI as well as the AI companies. A recent report by the European Trade Union Institute called for [proposed AI regulation](#), on worker surveillance, algorithmic transparency, and a ‘right to explanation’ for workers when it comes to automated decisions.

FEEDBACK

This is the first time we have produced a paper of this sort and we would welcome your comments and opinions on any of the articles and issues raised.

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Gender diverse people have always existed, but each time we have come to prominence in modernity we suffered spectacular misfortune. The trailblazing *Institut für Sexualwissenschaft*, a bastion for transgender medical research, was one of the first targets of Nazi paranoia—the subject of infamous book-burning photographs. Trans* people found freedoms with the emancipatory gains following the Russian Revolution, only to be victims of Stalinist counterrevolutionary misogyny.

most cis-women and women's groups, trans rights were cynically pitted against cis women's safety. And as May conceded her plans, in 2018 the media went on the offensive against the only Gender Identity Clinic to service young people, run by Tavistock and Portman trust, and already undermined by transphobic gatekeeping.

Liz Truss, as Tory equalities minister, upped the ante again in 2020, proposing reforming the GRA to "protect single-sex spaces", and imposing additional gatekeeping on young people. In the



Parliament from reforming the GRA there. A 16-year-old transgender girl, Brianna Ghey, was publicly stabbed to death by two children. Anti-trans hate

We stand for the full liberation of transgender and gender diverse humanity

And now, as online connections overcome barriers to political consciousness inherent to our small, dispersed demographics, our self-awareness is met by the rise of creeping fascism, itself a response to the weakness of the international left, and a world crisis of ecology and economy. Thus, we are a cause célèbre of organised reaction, including, tragically in the UK, from a vocal minority of the left and feminists who traded their integrity for a popular bigotry.

Organised transphobia gained traction in the UK in 2016, when then-PM Theresa May sought to reform the Gender Recognition Act (GRA) to allow Self-ID, and the media, spearheaded by the *Times*, launched an attack that would spread through the media, from "progressive" outlets (the *Guardian* and *BBC*) to the reactionary (the *Mail*, *Sun*, *Telegraph*). This was despite May's insultingly moderate ambitions, as she had ignored most recommendations of a parliamentary Inquiry into Transgender Equality such as recognition for nonbinary people. The ensuing "debate" was an evidence-free moral panic primarily about single-sex spaces, overlooking an absence of problems in other countries that had adopted May's proposed reforms (from Ireland to Canada). Baselessly, and contradicting the views of

same year, she equated trans* people using the bathrooms matching their gender to antisemitism and the failure to prevent paedophile gangs in Rotherham. Meanwhile, the detransition campaigner Keira Bell, represented by anti-LGBTQIA+ and pro-life lawyer Paul Conrathe of Sinclairs Law, launched a legal challenge to Tavistock.

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While later overturned, one judgement in the abhorrent Bell case temporarily saw a near total cessation to the provision of puberty blockers to trans* teenagers, pending individual court approval. Puberty blockers are even now severely restricted by the NHS, with coerced participation in research one of the few avenues to securing life-saving treatment. Waiting times for all trans* healthcare exceeds targets and leaves many—adult and young trans* people—in a dangerous limbo.

In 2023 the situation remains grim. The UK government deployed section 35 of the Scotland Act to prevent the devolved

crime is up 156% in the previous four years, the largest increase in any category. And the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the independent body meant to advocate for trans* people, is plagued by allegations of transphobia and works against our liberation.

Both the Tories and the Labour Party face mounting accusations of prejudice.

Trans* people require a fight back unlike any in our modern history, and therefore the solidarity of feminists, socialists, and the labour movement. At stake is our survival. Anti*Capitalist Resistance, in founding the working group Trans*Mission, is dedicated to the full liberation of transgender and gender diverse humanity.

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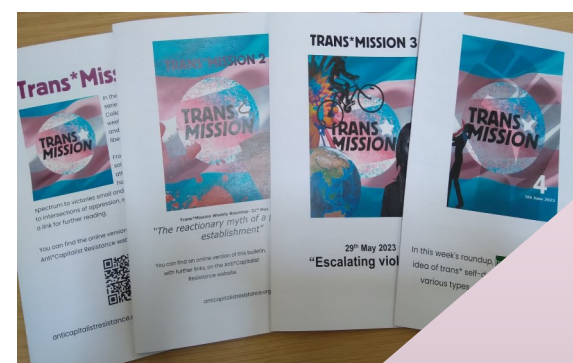


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Trans*mission weekly roundup

Each week the Trans*mission collective produces a digest and commentary on trans* and queer issues and struggles. You can find it on the anticapitalistresistance.org website. It is also available from us on request as a printable PDF file or small quantities of hardcopy.

We want to hear your news and opinions. Please get in touch via editorial@anticapitalistresistance.org



People who want to change the world build organisations. Ideas and politics move through structures that embody those things; amplify the collective voice and organise for power. That's true whatever the unifying idea.

Individuals are relatively powerless which is why the working class has long understood the importance of collective organisations. But today there are many more people who support socialist

social and cultural events for its many thousands of members. Parties like this launched the Socialist International – the first mass working-class international. In conditions of illegality, Russian revolutionaries built an organisation that was more suited to underground work and could survive repression.

The First World War In 1914 split the Socialist International as its members in different parliaments voted to support their own war efforts and

things began to shift. By the 1960s, social movements became a popular especially for those suffering social oppression; women, racialised people disabled people and LGBTQ people. Many young people turned their backs on parties, believing them to be top down and bureaucratic – and many of them were. Nevertheless, in mainstream politics, parties were still the primary way of winning elections, getting into government and affecting change – though social

exactly what the capitalists want.

What about now?

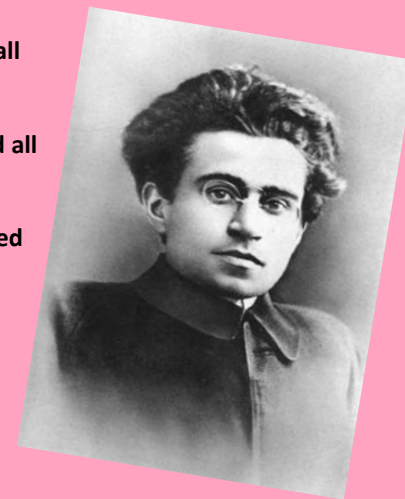
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Study because we will need all your intelligence.

Agitate because we will need all your enthusiasm.

Organise because we will need all your strength.

Gramsci



Why socialists need organisation

by Simon Hannah

ideas than are part of such organisations.

A brief history

Revolutionary socialists have been organised since the 1840s. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels first had a communist correspondence society which merged with the League of the Just, establishing the Communist League in 1847. This is the organisation for which they wrote the Communist Manifesto.

The Communist League didn't last very long, but its leaders helped establish the International Working Men's Association (IWMA); the first ever working class international party with members in countries across the world.

Workers in Britain, by the early 1800s the most industrially developed country, launched the Chartists, a mass social force fighting for democratic rights. They had a serious debate about how to affect meaningful change; through petitions and social pressure (the 'moral' wing) or by an uprising by working people and the poor (the 'force' wing).

The German Social Democratic Party was so large between 1890 and 1910 that it was known as a state within a state, organising political,

turned the working classes of different nations against each other.

The war also created the conditions for the Russian communists to overthrow the capitalist regime in 1917. They established the world's first socialist state, hoping that their revolution would be the first of many. But in other countries like Germany the capitalists and their allies in social democracy ruthlessly murdered revolutionaries and saved capitalism (only for it to turn to fascism in the 1930s). Revolutionaries in Moscow launched the Communist International

But the isolation of the Russian Revolution allowed the rise of a counter-revolutionary bureaucracy under Stalin that crushed the gains of the revolution. By the 1930s the revolutionaries who still believed in overthrowing capitalism and were critical of what was happening in Russia were reduced to a minority and established smaller revolutionary groups, trying to find a way to influence the working class dominated by reformist or Stalinist ideas. Some of them formed a Fourth International, led by Leon Trotsky who was in exile from Russia.

After the Second World War

movements created the conditions and the impetus for that to happen.

Revolutionaries in most countries were not strong enough to fight for political power but they could sometimes build strong social movements such as the anti-Poll Tax movement in (1988-1990) and the anti-Iraq War movement (2002-2005) here.

In Britain, Corbynism proved that many thousands of people were interested in joining a political party, even one mired in imperialism and capitalism like Labour, as long as it looked meaningful.

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Countless articles were written about how young people got interested in parties for the first time because of the politics that Corbyn's Labour had. Labour's defeat in 2019 and the purge of socialists ushered in a feeling of despondency for many –

change and the growth of far-right ideas into the mainstream, we urgently need a mass organisation that is based on revolutionary, eco-socialist ideas. Anticapitalist Resistance believes socialists need to be organised to make any impact on the world. It is not enough to read socialist books, shout at the nonsense on the TV news programmes or go on the occasional demo. We need serious organisation where we fight for socialist politics in the wider world.

Being at a Marxist reading group and studying the classics or modern socialist analysis and theory is very important for personal development and improving knowledge – but what next? Socialists talk about praxis, the combination of theory and action. Theory informs action and action helps inform improve our theory.

We reject the idea that there is a difference between theory and action and reject the terrible phrase 'good in theory bad in practice' No - if it is good in theory then it is meaningful for action in the real world. Bad theory leads to bad actions.

And theory is not set in stone, unchanging like dogma. This is why socialist organisations must be democratic; to allow members to contribute, speak their mind, to change the

strategy or direction of an organisation if needed.

A socialist organisation combines the ideas and abilities of members as part of collective struggle. People don't have to lose their individuality or become clones regurgitating the same slogans.

Socialists are involved in the wider movement, building up the strength of the working class, giving clear answers to today's problems and a message of hope. But it is through collective intervention that we can make a difference. Individuals can do heroic acts, or lead particular struggles but it is the combined strength of an organisation determined to fight for a socialist society that will be decisive.

If you are reading this and you agree with a lot of what ACR says then consider joining as soon as you can. There is much to do to overthrow capitalism not just where we live but across the world, every socialist activist counts, everyone's contribution matters.

Otherwise those that are better organised will win, whether it's the capitalists or the fascists. And that would be a catastrophe.





What we stand for

Anti-Capitalist Resistance is a revolutionary Marxist organisation in England & Wales. We are democratic revolutionary socialists and oppose a top-down model of 'democratic-centralist' organisation, we are pluralist and internationalists.

We aim to encourage convergence with other revolutionary Marxist activists and organisations.

The world is facing huge interrelated crises. Accelerating climate disaster, creeping fascism, economic decline and a global pandemic all point to a world that is becoming more unstable. 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 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.

Ecosocialism

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. We challenge the growth-based and consumption-driven system of capitalism, which is also responsible for the development of pandemics such as COVID-19. That's why we need mass movements today leading to a revolutionary overthrow of capital to prevent catastrophic and irreversible climate change.

Internationalism

Anti-Capitalist Resistance is internationalist and opposes imperialism, nationalism and militarism. Capitalism is an international system, so the struggle for socialism must be international, uniting workers of all countries. We need to organise across borders for action and solidarity. Socialists oppose imperialism – the subjugation of weaker nations by stronger ones — and support the self-determination of oppressed nations and the struggle for national liberation. Anti-Capitalist Resistance supports the right of people to challenge colonialism and forms of apartheid and to struggle for self-determination, including for the people of Palestine. We support a united Ireland and Scotland's right to self-determination, up to and including independence.

Liberation for the oppressed

Capitalism divides working class people along sexual, gender, racial, national and other lines to divide us and oppress us. Much has been achieved on the road to equality but there can be no genuine liberation without socialism, and no socialism without liberation of the oppressed. Socialists support feminists in their fight for reproductive rights, for 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. The labour movement and socialists must champion these liberation struggles as their own. We oppose the right's distortion of class that defines it as a static, reactionary identity and reassert the idea of class as a living process of struggle involving the mass agency of workers in transforming the world and thereby themselves.

Socialism

Poverty, exploitation and oppression and war are products of the capitalist system in which a tiny minority ruling class benefits from the labour of the majority. The alternative is socialism, where the wealth created is owned in common, major assets such as industry and finance are socialised and we have democratic planning to meet society's needs. Socialism is not possible without the fullest possible democracy. It must guarantee freedom of expression and organisation to every range of opinion, other than those who incite reactionary violence. We have a vision of a new society, one based on human freedom, as described in the Communist Manifesto "In place of the old bourgeois society, with its classes and class antagonisms, we shall have an association, in which the free development of each is the condition for the free development of all".

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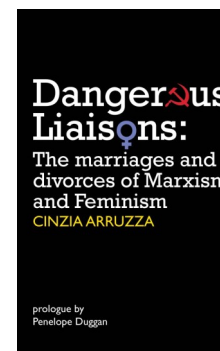


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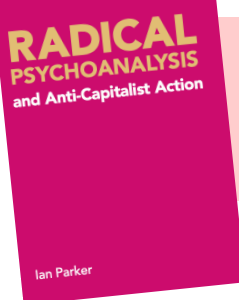
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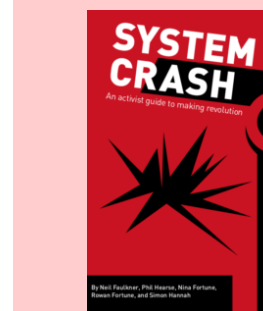
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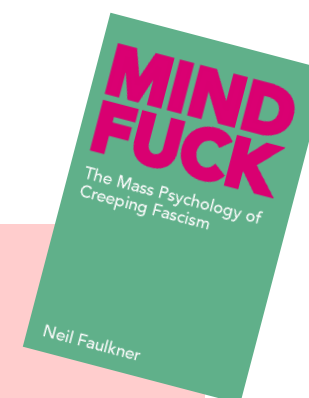
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