

SOCIALISM 2019

2-3 November 2019

**A festival of ideas
on how to**

**boot out Boris,
end austerity,
& change the world**

All the workshops and rallies for Socialism take place at the
Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1H 0AL

Phone 020 8988 8777 for tickets and info or visit:



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REGISTRATION:

Registration will open at 12.30pm on Saturday and 9am on Sunday

WORKSHOPS:

Workshops will run from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday and 10am-12noon and 1-3pm on Sunday.

RALLIES:

The main rally will be on Saturday 6.30-8.30pm. We will also have 3 closing rallies on Sunday 3-4.30pm (see top opposite)

We want you to join the Socialist Party.

Drop in session to sign up 12 noon Sunday, Room 604

We host this event to bring together all those who want to discuss ideas about how to change the world. We want you to join the Socialist Party. We stand for transforming society, taking the major corporations and banks into public ownership and democratically planning the economy to meet the needs of all. By joining the Socialist Party you are joining the most determined and effective socialist organisation in the country. Our branches meet every week for inclusive and democratic political discussion and to organise our forces to work with campaigns, trade unions and activists in our communities to fight back.

Join us!

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- text join with your name & postcode to 07761 818206
- email: join@socialistparty.org.uk
- phone: 020 8988 8777
- write to: Socialist Party, PO Box 1398, Enfield EN1 9GT

HOW TO GET TICKETS!

The best way to get tickets is online or from Socialist Party members. There is a 10% discount on tickets until 1 November. Prices are: £20 unwaged or low waged, Weekend: £40 waged • Saturday only/Sunday only: £22.50 waged, £12 unwaged or low waged • Rally only: £5 (no discount) • Freshers £10 wknd/£5 day • School students £6 wknd/£3 day • Golden ticket: £70 waged, £40 unwaged or low waged (includes entry to the entire weekend and one night in a central London hostel) socialism2019.net

WHERE IS SOCIALISM?

All the workshops and rallies for Socialism take place at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1H 0AL.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

There's a free crèche throughout the workshops and the rallies which you can book online or by phone up until 25 October.

We make every effort to ensure that the Socialism weekend is accessible for all. If you have any particular needs or questions please call us on 020 8988 8777. For those with mobility issues, transport and assistance is available. Please contact us in advance if there is anything you need help with.

WHERE WILL I SLEEP?

We have booked beds at the Clink 78, 78 King's Cross Rd, WC1X 9QG and at the Clink 261 261-265 Gray's Inn Rd, London WC1X 8QT. Book a Golden ticket by 25 October to get a hostel place. On the website you can request free accommodation which may be on the floor or sofa of a London Socialist Party member. Email us at socialism@socialistparty.org.uk if you have any queries.

A large bookshop will offer a wide range of left-wing books, pamphlets, posters, t-shirts and more: leftbooks.co.uk There will be many other stalls too.

ACCESSIBILITY



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- FAH** Friend At Hand
5 minute walk from IofE, 2-4 Herbrand St, Bloomsbury WC1N 1HX, serves food
- R** The Rocket
10 minute walk, 120 Euston Road, London NW1 2AL
- SA** Skinners Arms
10 minute walk, 114 Judd St, Kings Cross, London WC1H 9NT
- LA** Lucas Arms
15 minute walk, 245A Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8QY, UK
- B** The Boot
15 minute walk, 116 Cromer Street, London WC1H 8BS

WORKSHOPS & RALLIES

Institute of Education,
20 Bedford Way, WC1H 0AL

HOSTELS

Clink 78
78 King's Cross Rd, WC1X 9QG
Clink 261
261-265 Gray's Inn Rd, WC1X 8QT

RALLIES AND SESSIONS

Below is the programme of sessions that will take place over the course of the weekend. We will also have a main rally on the Saturday night and three rallies on Sunday 3-4.30pm

BUILDING A SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN THE ERA OF CAPITALIST CRISIS

THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL & ITS AFTERMATH 1989-2019

SOCIALIST CHANGE TO END CLIMATE CHANGE



THEME	Saturday 3-5pm	Sunday 10am-12 noon	Sunday 1-3pm
BROKEN BRITAIN	Corbynomics: socialism or Keynesianism?	Universal credit - how do we end it?	100% council homes and the fight against homelessness
BREXIT QUESTIONS	Can there be a pro-worker Brexit deal?	Brexit in context: Trump, trade and tariffs	Northern Ireland: Brexit and the border
WHAT IS SOCIALISM?	Is climate change too urgent to fight for socialism?	Fighting for socialism in the 21st century - can capitalism be reformed?	Did socialism fail in Venezuela?
LIBERATION FROM OPPRESSION	Violence against women, harassment and #MeToo - what do Marxists say?	Identity politics - friend or foe in the fight for liberation?	50 years after Stonewall - how can LGBT+ rights be fought for and defended?
IN DEFENCE OF TROTSKYISM	Do we still need a revolutionary party?	Automation, deindustrialisation, zero-hours: is the working class still capitalism's grave-digger?	A transitional programme - what it is and how to use it
BUILDING THE FIGHTBACK	Tamil Solidarity debate: Corbyn's policy and Tamil rights	Fighting council cuts - the legacy of Tony Mulhearn and the Militant in Liverpool	£15 an hour minimum wage - is this what we need to fight for?
GLOBAL CRISIS	Hong Kong's mass revolt	Nigeria - capitalism red in tooth and claw	Why is a new recession looming?
TROTSKYISM TODAY	Sudan: the relevance of the theory of Permanent Revolution	Revolution Betrayed - what happened in the Soviet Union?	
THE STATE	Spy-cops and blacklists: a warning to our movement		What does the crisis reveal about parliamentary democracy?
MILITANT TRADE UNIONISM	Re-building a fighting left in PCS: Marion Lloyd for general secretary	The general strike - a tool for our movement	
NATIONALITY & CAPITALIST CRISIS	Is Scotland on the road to independence?	Kashmir in turmoil	
POLITICAL UPHEAVAL		New Right - are the right populists a prelude to fascism?	Europe's new formations: what's left?
THEORY OF REVOLUTION	Marxist philosophy: historical materialism and dialectics		Understanding Marxist economics to ready for revolution

With storm clouds gathering over capitalism...

THE WORLD IS IN A MESS. Living standards for the majority of people have plummeted. Capitalism's environmental vandalism delivers suffering to millions and a threat to our futures.

Events swirl around us. Governments have no answers to our problems. Westminster spirals into deeper and deeper chaos. Austerity rolls on and misery piles up. What is the way out of this mess? More specifically what is the way out in workers' interests?

Can Boris Johnson be defeated? How do we deal with bullying bosses? Can the Blairite plotters who want to get rid of Corbyn be stopped? How do we overcome the divisions between different groups of people in society? These are some of the questions we need to discuss.

These burning questions are the starting point for the Socialism 2019 event. It will be a festival of ideas, discussion and debate.

Opening rally:

TORIES OUT FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

Saturday 2 November, 6.30-8.30pm, Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, WC1H 0AL, £5 entry or included in Saturday, weekend or golden tickets.

Speakers to include Peter Taaffe, former editor of the Militant and Socialist Party general secretary and Hannah Sell, Socialist Party deputy general secretary

We will talk about socialism

- asking questions:

- Is climate change too urgent to fight for socialism?
- Did socialism fail in Venezuela?
- And what do we even mean by socialism? Can capitalism be re-set? Or is more fundamental change needed?
- Is the working class still able, like Marx said, to be capitalism's gravedigger, the agent of socialist change?

The struggle against austerity is the struggle to defend our living standards and everything that the working class has won. That is why we'll discuss:

- 100% council homes and the fight against homelessness
- Universal credit - how do we end the universal misery it brings?
- Corbynomics - is it socialism or Keynesianism?

These are complicated times and finding a way forward is not easy. People are sick of Brexit - yet socialists and the labour movement can't turn away and leave these issues to the bosses and their representatives. That's why we will our sessions include:

- Is a pro-worker Brexit deal possible?
- We will also look at Brexit in context - Trump, trade wars and tariffs.
- Northern Ireland, Brexit and the border

We approach Brexit, as with everything, as internationalists. Socialism 2019 will include discussion on:

- Mass revolt in Hong Kong, Sudan, Kashmir
- Nigeria where capitalism shows its true nature
- Nationality in the era of capitalist crisis

Capitalism's crisis is reflected in political upheaval. So our discussions include:

- Are the right populists a prelude to fascism?
- Europe's new political formations
- And how do we fight oppression?**
- What do Marxists say is the way to end violence against women?
- 50 years after Stonewall, how can LGBT+ rights be defended?

If you want to be inspired for the battles we all face, to meet new friends in the struggle, to share your experiences and your ideas, to be listened to and to listen, to debate, to discuss and to build the ideas of socialism - then this is an unmissable event for you!