

# TORIES OUT!

## Corbyn in with socialist policies to end austerity and climate chaos



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- **Tories Out! Fight for a Corbyn-led government with socialist policies** to put people and the environment first.
- **Major research and investment into replacing fossil fuels** with renewable energy and into ending the problems of early obsolescence and unrecycled waste.
- **Nationalisation of the energy generating industries.** No to nuclear power. No job losses.
- **A democratically planned, low-fare, publicly-owned transport system** for people and goods, as part of an overall plan against environmental pollution.
- **For a mass carbon neutral council house building programme** to provide affordable secure environmentally-friendly housing for all who need it.
- **Transforming the Labour Party**, for the trade unions together with young people and activists from workplace, community, environmental, anti-racist and anti-cuts campaigns, to provide a fighting, political alternative to the pro-big business parties. Deselect the Blairites!
- **A democratic socialist plan of production** based on the interests of the overwhelming majority of people, and in a way that safeguards the environment. For a socialist government to take into public ownership the top 150 companies and the banking system that dominate the British economy, and run them under democratic working-class control and management. Compensation to be paid only on the basis of proven need.
- **No to the bosses' EU.** For international workers' solidarity to fight for a socialist Europe and a socialist world!

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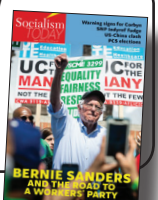


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**W**ildfires are blazing, ice-caps are melting and healthy human existence is threatened by climate change and pollution.

Tropical forests are being decimated as profiteering agri-bosses plant mono-crops of wheat, soy, and palm oil. By 2050 the oceans could contain more plastic than fish.

Air pollution is causing breathing problems. While record temperatures in Europe cause suffering, in south-west Asia they are starting to reach the point at which the human body hits its thermal limits.

Scientists warn that time is running out. We do what we can as individuals, reusing plastic bags and recycling - and we should. But people ask: is this enough to stem the crisis? There is a growing mood for serious change.

Last year, the world burned more fossil fuels than ever before. The oil and gas industry intends to spend \$4.9tn over the next 10 years, exploring and developing new reserves. And, according to the IMF, every year governments subsidise fossil fuels to the tune of \$5tn.

### **URGENT ACTION DEMANDED**

Nearly 70% of British people want urgent political action to tackle climate change. The school students' slogan of 'system change not climate change' recognises the deep-going transformation of society that is needed.

For others, however, 'system change' means arguing for change within capitalism. But that will not be enough.

Capitalism is a social system based upon production for profit not social need. Big business is responsible for the majority of pollution and environmental degradation. Coca-Cola, for example, has been named the world's largest polluter of plastics for the second year in a row. A 'rational' organisation of production, necessary to respond to the urgent

situation, is impossible because capitalism is also a blind system.

## **Economic and political power must be taken out of the hands of the destroyers of the planet, the handful of capitalists who control industry and society**

When the capitalists brought the working class together in the factories and other workplaces to maximise exploitation and therefore profit it was also creating its own 'gravediggers'.

### **POWER OF THE WORKING CLASS**

It is in the workplace - first and foremost - that the working class comes into conflict with the capitalists. It is also in the workplace that workers have the basis for collective organising against the bosses.

Today the enormous potential strength of the working class is not often on display, largely due to the failure of right-wing trade union leaders to offer a fighting way forward. But when workers strike it is impossible to ignore.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) were able to grind London to a halt for a few hours through audacious actions. But when London Underground workers strike, the City loses billions of pounds.

In January 2003, just two train drivers, inspired by the mass movement against the Iraq war, were able to prevent the delivery of arms destined to supply troops deploying for the war.

What's more, workers, because of their role in production, also have the

potential to organise society, to create the energy and things we need.

Coordinated strike action could give hope to millions of workers and youth and the wider population that there is a force in society capable of challenging the environmental destruction and austerity hell of capitalism - the working class.

It is not ruled out that the capitalist class, if faced with mass workers' action, would be forced to make concessions out of fear of such a movement developing and challenging their right to rule.

### **SOCIALIST CHANGE**

Fighting for a socialist alternative to capitalism's austerity and climate crisis requires a movement and the urgent building of a mass workers' political voice by transforming Labour into a fighting socialist workers' party. The first step should be to deselect Blairite MPs who defend the market system.

Economic and political power must be taken out of the hands of the destroyers of the planet, the handful of capitalists who control industry and society. In Britain, this would involve the taking over of a handful of monopoly firms that control 80-85% of the economy. Compensation would be given to the ex-owners and particularly to the small shareholders on the basis of proven need.

The present horrors of capitalism will continue to exist, indeed, will be perpetuated, if this system is not replaced by socialism. We cannot control what we don't own.

Socialists are also internationalists. Environmental degradation does not recognise national borders, and an alternative requires planning on an international basis. This would provide the basis for social cooperation and human solidarity on an international level, a prerequisite for the protection of the environment, animals and plants, and the conservation of natural resources.

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