

ay Day is an annual celebration of workers' struggle against capitalism.

Its origins lie in the general strike for an eight-hour working day, put down by police gunfire in Chicago in 1886, and the foundation of the Second International, bringing together revolutionary socialists around the world in 1889 (see p10). Its history teaches us the power of the working class to transform society, and the need to overturn the capitalist state.

The Socialist Party's links with the organised working class - the agent of socialist change - are fundamental to our work. Each year, we ask groups of workers and trade unionists to support the Socialist newspaper and its ideas by financing a May Day greeting.

2020 is our fourth record-breaking year on the trot. Despite the organisational impediments and financial straits caused by the pandemic lockdown, we have received pledges totalling over £8,900, represented by over 100 greetings across 16 pages.



 Minimum wage of £15 an hour, plus hazard pay
Democratic workers' control of workplace health and safety usdawactivist.wordpress.com



RIV/1

Committee for a Workers' International members in

## CWI members in all Unite's three territories of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and all Unite's seven regions in England, send socialist greetings

to workers and their families for Workers' Memorial Day and May Day.

We call on Unite to fight for:

Workers' control of health and safety in the coronavirus crisis

Reversal of all cuts

Work or full pay

Nationalisation of the big companies for a socialist plan of production

Safe, affordable housing for all

May Day greetings from Socialist Party members in the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers

As frontline workers, we mourn our workmates who have suffered and died from Covid-19, and the thousands of people in Britain and around the world who have died.

Once we have mourned the dead, our task is to build a lasting memorial to them. The only fitting memorial is to sweep away the rotting edifice of international capitalism, and to replace it with a new world order, a socialist world order, based on human solidarity and dignity.

Workers of the world unite!



United working-class struggle is more essential than ever so women don't pay for **Covid and** capitalist crisis

May day greetings from the SOCIALIST PARTY LGBTO+ GROUP Build a fighting, socialist movement for LGBTQ+ rights





### **CWI Austria** Sozialistische Offensive

Revolutionary greetings! That this virus is killing people all over the world, with governments unable to respond

It shows how utterly necessary a socialist world is. More and more people are beginning to question how capitalism can put profits before lives.

Let's replace it with a socialist society internationally!

### **CWI Chile** Socialismo Revolucionario

Thousands of workers have been sacked, without income and without a safety net. It's clear that the bosses want workers to pay for the crisis.

account the current situation, as well as new forms of organisation, that in some cases workers

We must make precise demands and plans for struggle. Guarantee a universal monthly income which allows the unemployed and their families to live, among other measures necessary to confront this crisis!

This is the best way for workers to celebrate a new May Day.

### **CWI Finland** Sosialistinen Vaihtoehto

For international socialism and workers' unity!

### **CWI France** Gauche Révolutionnaire

Revolutionary greetings from the Socialist Party's sister organisation in France for May Day 2020.

solidarity! For a federation of European socialist states,

Comradely May Day greetings to all readers of the Socialist! "Bourgeois society stands at the crossroads, either transition to socialism or regression into barbarism" - Rosa Luxemburg, 1916. Only a clear socialist programme can lead the way out of the present

Together with all comrades in the Committee for a Workers' International,

socialists and workers strength and the necessary patience for the struggles which lie ahead.

an emergency plan for the production of masks, safety equipment and medication, under workers' control

of the failure of capitalism are becoming clearer by the hour.

Socialist Party, the Socialist instils confidence to fight back and organise the resistance week after week - not just for the workers of England and Wales, but for the working class around the world.







# the Socialist May Day greetings 2020

## **Socialist Students says**

No trust in the university bosses to handle the crisis! For democratic trade union and student oversight of all measures taken on the campus to stop the spread of the virus. Establish an all-union health and safety committee on every campus, with democratic representation of staff and students

No cuts to jobs or services on campus because of the coronavirus slowdown! If there is a funding shortfall, open the books to democratic inspection by the campus unions and to democratically elected committees of students. Show us where the money has gone

### Fight for fully funded and free education!

For a university education system which is run for the benefit of society, not for profit - reverse all cuts and marketisation on campus, replace student loans with living grants, and cancel all outstanding student debt

### Fight for a socialist alternative to capitalism!

Bring the banks and 150 biggest monopolies into democratic public ownership, under the management and control of the working class, with compensation to be paid to the shareholders only on the basis of proven need. Introduce a democratic socialist plan of production to provide free education and a decent future for all



## **Students will not pay for** the coronavirus crisis with our education!

Visit socialiststudents.org.uk/join to get involved



# **End academisation**

May Day greetings and solidarity from the **AntiAcademies** Alliance

# Let's build a **National Education Service together**

Comprehensive and progressive

Democratically accountable to local communities

Fully funded and inclusive

Let's make a landmark statement for future generations by abolishing the social barbarism of grammars and selection and the structural inequality of private education



Facebook: Anti Academies Alliance Email: office@antiacademies.org.uk site: www.antiacademies.org.uk









We demand PPE We demand testing for all We demand decent pay -

for the full 10% than ever before they need their trade union: we demand our union leaders come out of industrial 'self-isolation' and start leading a fight for our members truce while the employers are still fighting a war against our

## the**Socialist May Day greetings 2020**

# **Socialist Party members in** the public service union









hs, including the high pro

### Marxist greetings fron



podcast platforms



ww.socialismtoday.org

badges and claps won't pay the

Reopen the NHS pay talks Reject the 2.75% pay 'increase' offer in local government - fight

With many Unison members working on the front line, more

There must be no trade union safety, our jobs and our pay

### What we stand for Reverse all privatisation in the NHS, remove the privateers,

and cancel all PFI debts and Nationalise the big pharmaceutical and medical

supply companies to gurantee research, production and supply of treatments, vaccines, and

Scrap existing council cuts budgets - councils to use reserves and borrowing powers to fund necessary jobs and services, and send the bill to the overnment

No reopening of schools and colleges until the virus is under control. social distancing can be guaranteed, and there is full testing

### **Union democracy**

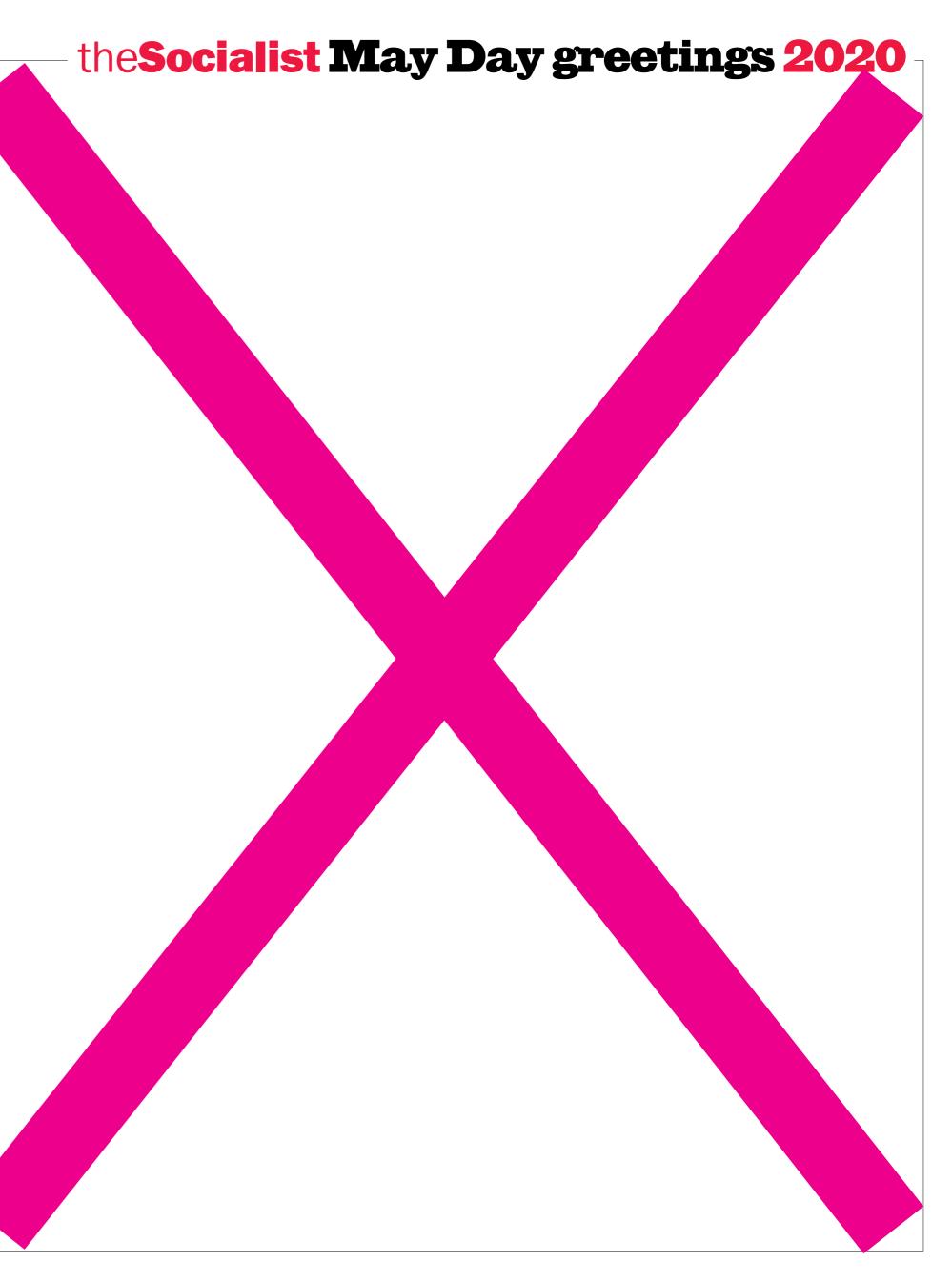
For a general secretary on a worker's wage - no to the £134,000 a year currently paid Put the union's money where the fight is - more resources to the branches, not at the centre Defend branches' rulebook right to campaign to change, modify or replace union policy, including opposing insufficient pay claims, free from interference by unelected union officials For the election of full-time

union officials on a worker's wage - an end to unelected full time officials calling the shots For genuine workers' political representation

Not a penny of members money to those MPs and councillors who attack our members' jobs, pay, conditions or services







# May Day Greetings from





**Hackney Council workers and Hackney** trade unionists send May Day greetings to all workers across the globe

We give particular thanks to all health and care staff, and all frontline workers, during this coronavirus crisis. PPE for all these frontline workers, and private profiteers out of our health service!

This greeting has been sponsored by the following

all in a personal capacity Marvin Hay, Unison branch secretary Lee Ray, GMB branch secretary Sandra Hall, NFU branch secretary Doug Holton, Equity branch secretary Hackney Trades Council joint secretary Brian Debus. Unison chair Norman Saggers, Unison conve Aasia Attas, Unison steward Debbie Dade, Unison steward remi Egunlae. Unison steward Anish Pillai, Unison steward Lisa Spiteri. Unison steward Jim Boyd. Unite steward Peter Ćoleman, Unison private sector organise Martin Cootes, Unison admin James West, Unison grounds r vdia Julien, Unison libraries Margaret Sinn, Unison libraries Thelma Decker, Unison Sharmila Thyagaraian. Unisor Will Leng, NÉU



## May Day greetings from HACKNEY TRADES COUNCIL to health and care workers both here and across the world. Kick out the health profiteers

May Day greetings from readers of the Socialist in Homerton Hospital Bring all privatised staff back in-

house. Renationalise the NHS!

## Waltham Forest Trades Council Sends May Day greetings to the workers of the world Waltham Forest

TRADES<sup>\*</sup> UNION COUNCILS

Trades Council

Junite

**Unite LE/1228** 

HACKNEY

Party

NORTH LONDON

Socialist Party

Socialist

Test. test. test! PPE! Keep key workers virus-free!



end a warm message of solidarity and May Day greetings to the Socialist, which is and has always been unstinting in its support for, and coverage of, our struggles over the years

For an immediate increase in NHS funding and staff 🛛 For an immediate increase in the pay of all health and numbers

self-isolating Requisition priv

and turn them to production of PPE for health workers industries under democratic workers' control and not the few

Patients are only safe when health worker

hemselves are safe

social care workers to recognise their vital role Full pay for all workers, including agency staff, when 🛛 End big buisness involvement in our NHS – cancel PEL debts and use the money for the PPE needed now ate factories, facilities and resources, 🔳 Nationalise the pharmaceutical and medical supply

now – for massive state intervention for the many and management, with compensation only on the basis o proven need For a socialist NHS and real freedom from fear of illnes

Save lives – sack the Tories



Proud to support strike action by Ealing tax office staff and traffic wardens early this year. Solidarity and struggle goes on. Workers really are "all in this together"!





Capitalism is the incubator Socialism is the answer Mick Cotter, branch chair Fommy Murphy, branch secretary



# the Socialist May Day greetings 2020





**Barking Reach Residents Association Committee** 

Abolish leasehold. Abolish ground rent No more Grenfells! Remove all flammable cladding now! Landlord/ council/government to pay!

May Day greetings from



# **Unite LE/7098L** London ITC **Workers Branch**

The union for IT, communications and digital workers



and District Line West

May Day greetings from **RMT Camden** No 3 Branch Workers of the world unite



**Richard Branson, Mike Ashley** Tim Martin... your role in this crisis will not be forgotten

Socialist solidarity from Camden Unison readers of the Socialist Full funding for council services!

## May Day greetings from Andv Walker

Thanks to the help from the Socilalist Party for the Save King George Hospital campaign and the ongoing campaign for a new wing at King George



**RMT London Underground Engineering Branch** sends May Day greetings to all workers of the world who have struggled with austerity and attacks on terms and conditions, and now the effects of Covid-19 **United we stand!** 

## May Day greetings from THE LIVERPOOL 47 GROUP OF COUNCILLORS 1983-87

47

Still standing as a magnificent example to those Labour councils who carry out every cut demanded by the Tories.

We refused to cut and fought back successfully for resources which Thatcher had stolen from Liverpool

Labour councils should refuse to implement any further Tory austerity, and demand extra funding for pandemic provision now and permanent services afterwards

Our record includes: 5,000 NEW HOUSES BUILT SIX NEW SPORTS CENTRES 2,000 NEW JOBS AND EXISTING JOBS SAVED £60 MILLION WON BACK FROM THE TORIES

Remembering Tony Mulhearn and all comrades who have passed away

### UNITE NW/11500 LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY BRANCH

For a radical community agenda, militant trade unionism & socialist politics .....MAY DAY GREETINGS!.....

Solidarity with all workers in struggle! Fighting for the rights of the disabled, unemployed, retired, students & all those out of work!

## May Day Greetings to our comrades from

# Unite NW/127404 Merseyside Area Construction and Civil Engineering Branch

Campaigning against zero-hour contracts and bogus self-employment



# North West region

"Life is beautiful. Let the future generations cleanse it of all evil, oppression, and violence, and enjoy it to the full." Leon Trotsky, 1940

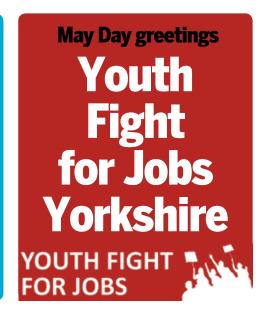


Through united workers' struggles, a socialist world is possible!

## May Day greetings from



# NEU Hull



A massive thanks on International Workers' Day to all the NHS staff, emergency services and key workers keeping us safe, fit and well. Solidarity, sisters and brothers.



Regional Secretary, Fire Brigades Union, Yorkshire and Humberside (personal capacity)



**Unite Community** 

**Leeds and Wakefield** 

Greetings and solidarity from

Community

End

Universal

Credit

York

Trades

Council

# AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANISE

A special May Day greeting and solidarity from

**May Day greetings** 

**Socialist** 

**Students** 

**Yorkshire** 

region

socialis

studen

## Unite NE/SEC/2 branch

in Hull, to all young workers struggling in precarious employment.

It's time the unions stepped up to the mark and organised the young generation, to agitate and educate them in their fight for social change!

## STRUGGLE – SOLIDARITY – SOCIALISM

Socialist greetings from Harrogate Derek Evans

May Day greetings from Socialist Party members in

> PCS caucus Yorkshire and Humber Rebuilding the left in PCS

Supporting the PCS Broad Left Network For a fighting, democratic union

## May Day greetings from the

Hull International Brigade Memorial Group



Not then, not now, not ever!



# **Northern region**



Inherent in capitalism is war, pandemic and environmental crisis

Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains

## **GMB Beverley**

Stop the rot Stop the cuts Fully fund all public services







## Greetings from **Readers of the Socialist in Leeds** Labour Parties

No return to Blairism, stand firm for socialist policies

## **Engage for Change**

extends socialist greetings and solidarity to all those fighting back



against austerity, capitalism, and the Tories in these difficult times

## **Solidarity greetings from Unite NE/408/26** Newcastle **Hospitals Branch**

Workers must not pay for the Covid-19 crisis!

## We demand:

- a living wage of £15 for all
- full trade union rights for all
- renationalisation of our NHS
- PPE and testing for all who require it
- **100%** pay for all furloughed workers

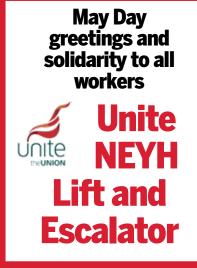
## **Organise! Fight! Join Unite!**

**Proud supporters of National Shop Stewards Network - North East** 

**May Day greetings** from Unite Community Cumbria



Restore all axed NHS and council care beds



in HEALTH



Socialist Greetings on May Day to all workers and comrades fighting for a socialist solution to the coronavirus pandemic and capitalist crisis from Southern & South East region

