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Covid,
capitalist crisis &
the fight for socialism

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MAIN RAIL L Y

COVID, CAPITALIST CRISIS AND THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 6-8pm

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Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London

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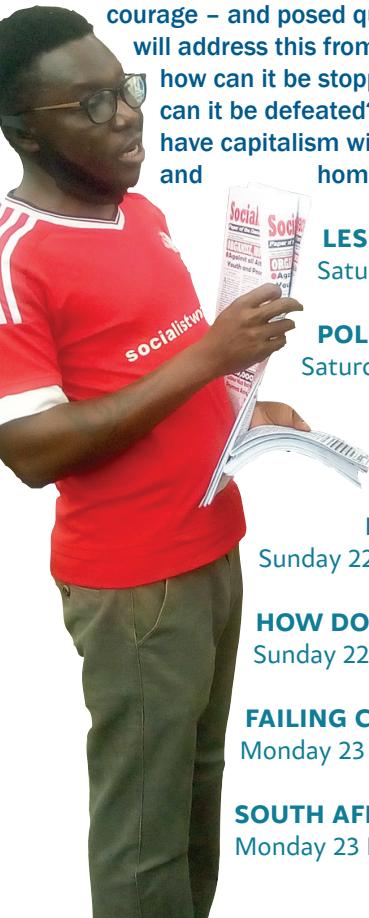
Confirmed speakers include:

- **HANNAH SELL** Socialist Party general secretary
- **PETER TAAFFE** Socialist Party political secretary
- **BEA GARDNER** student activist
- **HUGO PIERRE** Unison NEC Black members' rep (personal capacity)
- **ISAI PRIYA**
- Chaired by **HELEN PATTISON**



SMASH RACISM

Racism must be countered whenever it emerges. Black Lives Matter showed enormous courage – and posed questions of how to organise to smash racism. Socialism 2020 will address this from a number of angles: why is police racism so persistent and how can it be stopped? What is the nature of the far-right threat today and how can it be defeated? Why did Malcolm X come to the conclusion that you can't have capitalism without racism? And what about other oppressions - sexism and homophobia - how can they be fought in this new situation?



LESSONS OF THE BLACK PANTHERS FOR TODAY

Saturday 21 November 11am - 1pm

POLICE RACISM - HOW DO WE END IT?

Saturday 21 November 2-4pm

REVOLT OR REFORM HOW SLAVERY WAS ABOLISHED?

Sunday 22 November 11am - 1 pm

PRIVILEGE & OPPRESSION? IDEAS TO SMASH RACISM

Sunday 22 November 2-4pm

HOW DO WE DEFEAT THE FAR RIGHT?

Sunday 22 November 5-7pm

FAILING CAPITALISM AND RESISTANCE IN NIGERIA

Monday 23 November 11am-1pm

SOUTH AFRICA: 60 YEARS AFTER SHARPEVILLE

Monday 23 November 2-4pm

CAPITALISM IN CRISIS

Capitalism is in crisis. That much is clear. But what is the alternative? Socialism 2020 will look at the world situation – after the US elections, the role of China, the situation in the ex-Soviet states. Do we face a new 1930s-style Great Depression? Can Keynesian measures, AI and green technology deliver a recovery for capitalism?

WORLD ECONOMY - IS A 1930S-STYLE DEPRESSION INEVITABLE?

Saturday 11am - 1pm

NEW WORLD ORDER: CHINA AND THE US

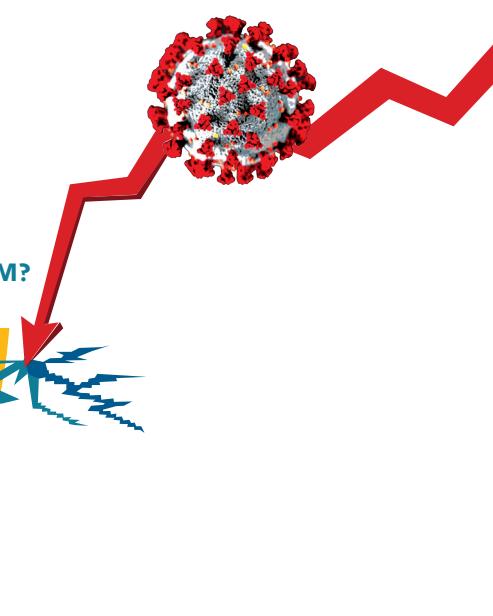
Saturday 2-4pm

CAN KEYNESIANISM SAVE CAPITALISM?

Sunday 22 November 11am - 1 pm

CAN GREEN TECH AND AI SAVE THE SYSTEM?

Sunday 22 November 5-7pm



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AFTER CORBYN

We will also look at the political situation facing the working class today – in which Starmer's Labour and the scale of job losses and attacks makes the building of a new working class political voice necessary. At Socialism 2020 we will look at the role of Labour councils and the fight against austerity as well as the lessons of the new political formations for today.

HOW CAN A MASS WORKING CLASS POLITICAL VOICE BE BUILT?

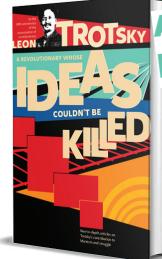
Saturday 11am - 1pm

LABOUR COUNCILS: A POTENTIAL COUNTER POWER TO THE TORIES?

Saturday 2-4pm



LEON TROTSKY



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REVOLUTION BETRAYED: WHAT HAPPENED IN THE USSR?

Sunday 11am - 1pm

HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO SOCIALISM?

Sunday 2-4pm

DO WE STILL NEED A THEORY OF PERMANENT REVOLUTION?

Sunday 5-7pm

TROTSKYISM

MARXISM TODAY

Marxism says that philosophers have interpreted the world - but the point is to change it! 200 years after the birth of Friedrich Engels, who collaborated with Karl Marx, three workshops will explore some of the key texts of Marxism: the Communist Manifesto; Socialism Utopian and Scientific; and The Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State. 80 years after the murder of another giant of Marxism, Leon Trotsky, we explore his contribution too. The Committee for a Workers International is the socialist world organisation to which the Socialist Party is affiliated. The CWI has contributed to Marxism including with the understanding of the collapse of Stalinism and its legacy.

IS THE WORKING CLASS STILL THE AGENT OF SOCIALIST CHANGE?

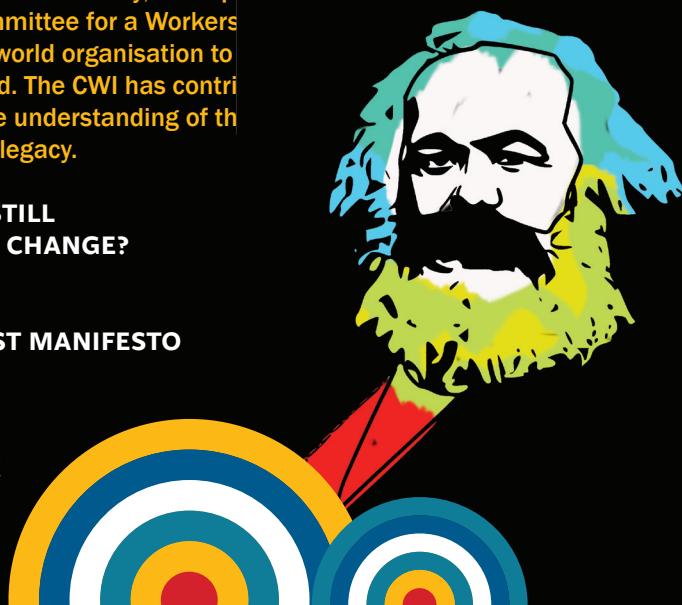
Saturday 2-4pm

READING THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO

Monday 11am -1pm

READING SOCIALISM: UTOPIAN AND SCIENTIFIC

Monday 2-4pm



HOW DO WE ORGANISE AND FIGHT BACK?

Is the working class still the agent of socialist change? Covid showed the need for workers to organise to defend health and safety in the workplace – which cannot be left to the bosses. On the 30th anniversary of the poll tax movement, we will look at how it defeated the Iron Lady Thatcher.

**JOBS CRISIS:
THE FIGHT FOR WORK OR FULL PAY**
Sunday 11am - 1pm

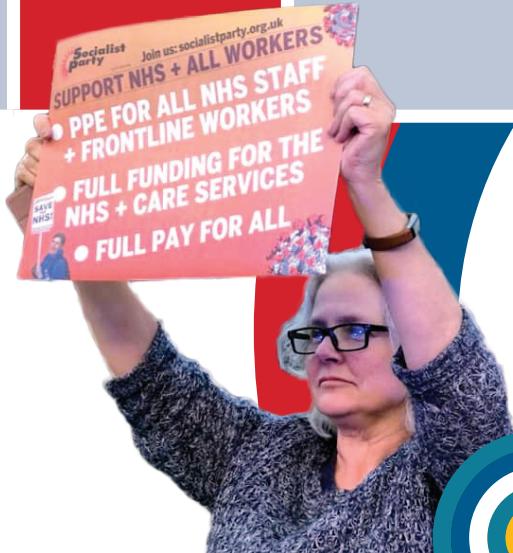
CAMPUS CHAOS - A CRISIS MADE BY CAPITALISM
Sunday 2-4pm

**HOW TO STOP THE IMPENDING WAVE OF
MASS EVICTIONS**
Sunday 5-7pm



SATURDAY 21 NOV

Themes	SMASH RACISM	WORLD IN CRISIS	AFTER CORBYN
11am-1pm	LESSONS OF THE BLACK PANTHERS Speakers: Deji Olayinka, Black Lives Matter activist, and Jim Hensman, socialist activist who worked alongside Panthers	WORLD ECONOMY - IS A 1930S STYLE DEPRESSION INEVITABLE? Speaker: Robin Clapp, secretary Socialist Party South West	HOW CAN A MASS WORKING CLASS POLITICAL VOICE BE BUILT? Speaker: Josh Asker, Socialist Party editorial department
2-4pm	POLICE RACISM - HOW DO WE END IT? Speakers: Sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialist Party executive committee	NEW WORLD ORDER: CHINA AND THE US Speaker Tony Saunois, secretary of the Committee for a Workers' International	LABOUR COUNCILS: A POTENTIAL COUNTER-POWER TO THE TORIES? Speakers: Dave Nellist, former socialist Labour MP and TUSC national chair, and Kris O'Sullivan, Socialist Party organiser, West Midlands



Themes	COVID LESSONS	SOCIALIST PROGRAMME	WHAT IS SOCIALISM?
11am-1pm	WORKERS' CONTROL IN THE WORKPLACE Speaker: Glenn Kelly, Socialist Party industrial department	FRIEDRICH ENGELS - ARE HIS IDEAS RELEVANT FOR WOMEN'S LIBERATION? Speaker: Chris Thomas, Socialist Party executive committee	IS CUBA SOCIALIST? Speakers: Ian Pattison and Scott Jones, Socialist Party editorial department
2-4pm	CLIMATE CHAOS - ACTION NEEDED BUT HOW? Speaker: Tom Baldwin, Socialist Party national committee	CAN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY BE SAVED FROM COVID AND CAPITALISM? Speaker: Nick Hart, record label worker, socialist and musician	IS THE WORKING CLASS STILL THE AGENT OF SOCIALIST CHANGE? Speaker: Helen Pattison, Socialist Party national committee



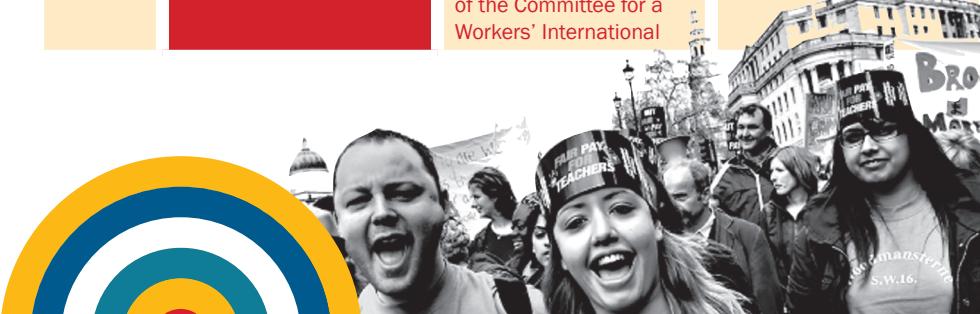
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SUNDAY 22 NOV



Themes	SMASH RACISM	TROTSKYISM	BROKEN BRITAIN
11am-1pm	REVOLT OR REFORM - HOW WAS SLAVERY ABOLISHED? Speaker: Hugo Pierre, Unison national black members rep (personal capacity)	REVOLUTION BETRAYED: WHAT HAPPENED IN THE USSR? Speaker: Lenny Shail, Socialist Party national committee	WHERE IS BRITAIN GOING? Speaker: Hannah Sell, Socialist Party general secretary
2-4pm	PRIVILEGE AND OPPRESSION? IDEAS TO SMASH RACISM Speaker: Isai Priya, Socialist Party black and Asian members group organiser	HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO SOCIALISM? Speaker: James Ivens, Socialism podcast organiser	WHAT NOW FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST AUSTERITY? Speaker: Iain Dalton, Socialist Party national committee
5-7pm	HOW DO WE DEFEAT THE FAR RIGHT? Speaker: Steve Score, East Midlands Socialist Party secretary	DO WE STILL NEED A THEORY OF PERMANENT REVOLUTION? Speaker: TU Senan, International Secretariat of the Committee for a Workers' International	IS SCOTLAND ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE? Speaker: Philip Stott, Socialist Party Scotland executive committee



THEMES	EXIT FROM CRISIS	IDEAS OF THE CWI	FIGHBACK 2020
11am-1pm	CAN KEYNESIANISM SAVE CAPITALISM? Speaker: Bob Labi, International Secretariat of the Committee for a Workers' International	LEGACY OF THE COLLAPSE OF STALINISM Speaker: Clive Heemskerk, Socialism Today editor	JOBS CRISIS: THE FIGHT FOR WORK OR FULL PAY Speaker: Rob Williams, Socialist Party industrial organiser, and Sarah Daniel, supporter of Debenhams occupation in Ireland
2-4pm	IS FASCISM ON THE CARDS? Speaker: Niall Mulholland, International Secretariat of the Committee for a Workers' International	LESSONS FOR TODAY OF THE NEW LEFT FORMATIONS Speaker: Judy Beishon, Socialist Party executive committee	CAMPUS CHAOS - A CRISIS MADE BY CAPITALISM Speaker: Theo Sharieff, Socialist Party national youth organiser
5-7pm	CAN GREEN TECH AND AI SAVE THE SYSTEM? Speaker: Mark Best, Socialist Party national committee	POLL TAX - HOW A MASS MOVEMENT WON Speaker: Alistair Tice, Socialist Party Yorkshire secretary	HOW TO STOP THE IMPENDING WAVE OF MASS EVICTIONS Speakers: Jack Jeffrey, housing worker and activist, and Nancy Taaffe, Socialist Party national committee



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MONDAY 23 NOV

Themes	END OPPRESSION	MARXISM TODAY	INTERNATIONAL
11am-1pm	HOW CAN LGBT+ LIBERATION BE WON? Speaker: Michael Johnson, Socialist Party LGBT+ members group organiser	READING: THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO Speaker: Martin Powell-Davies, Socialist Party in education group organiser	THE US AFTER THE ELECTIONS Speakers: members of the Independent Socialist Group in the US
2-4pm	ARE WOMEN GOING BACK TO THE 1950S? Speaker: Tessa Warrington, Socialist Party national committee	READING: SOCIALISM - UTOPIAN AND SCIENTIFIC Speaker: Ross Saunders, Socialist Party national committee	BELARUS AND THE CRISIS IN THE FORMER SOVIET STATES Speaker: Clare Doyle, International Secretariat of the Committee for a Workers' International

HOW TO ATTEND SOCIALISM 2020

Meetings will be on zoom and you will need data or internet or a phone line to join them. There will be an introduction and a chance for everyone to speak.

See the **socialism2020.net** for guidance on how to attend a zoom meeting if you're lucky enough that your life isn't already dominated by them! The workshops will not be broadcast live - but the Saturday night rally will be.

INTERNATIONAL

FAILING CAPITALISM AND RESISTANCE IN NIGERIA

Speakers: members of the Democratic Socialist Movement and the Youth Rights Campaign in Nigeria

SOUTH AFRICA: 60 YEARS AFTER SHARPEVILLE

Speaker: Weissman Hamilton, leading member of the Marxist Workers' Party in South Africa

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Socialism is open to everyone, but we want you to join the Socialist Party. If you would like to link up with the Socialist Party in your area, to attend a meeting, to discuss with local members and establish if there's a basis of political agreement, get in touch via the details below.

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FIGHTING FOR SOCIALISM WORLDWIDE

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Capitalism exists internationally. That is why the Socialist Party is part of a worldwide struggle for socialism. We are affiliated to the Committee for a Workers' International (CWI) linking up with socialist fighters across the world, learning from each other, and fighting for Marxist ideas. Wherever we organise, our members help build the maximum unity of working class and young people in the struggle to defend living conditions and fight for a socialist alternative to capitalism.

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIALISM 2020

Friday 20 November 5-7pm

Opening session on zoom to introduce the weekend
Speakers include:

JUDY BEISHON Socialist Party executive committee

DEJI OLAYINKA Black Lives Matter activist and socialist

TONY SAUNOIS Committee for a Workers' International secretary

DAVE NELLIST former socialist Labour MP and national chair of
the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

Chaired by:

SARAH SACHS-ELDRIDGE

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