

Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

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The Working Class Has its Own Independent Programme - Let Us Together Uphold and Strengthen It!

May Day is the day of working class unity and struggle in defence of the rights of all. It is a time for the workers to affirm their own independent programme. It is a time for all workers throughout the globe to set their sights on the broad horizon of their emancipation, and right now make their claims on society.

Society at this time is faced with a multitude of problems. These are problems for solution, but experience has long-since shown how the ruling elites are utterly incapable of finding any solutions. It is also increasingly evident that none of the arrangements in society function so as to resolve any issues. So many irrelevant diversions are put forward to block working people from strengthening their unity, tackling these problems and envisioning and working for new arrangements of governance.

The working class is that force that is able to lead the way forward; it is the workers who must shoulder their social responsibility and take the lead in transforming society. This means that working people must put pride of place of the struggle for their own empowerment so as to take control of economic and political affairs.

This is where the independent programme of the working class comes in. The working class needs its own independent voice, its own thinking and analysis, and indeed its own institutions to embody its interests



which are consistent with working people as a whole being in control. To achieve such an outcome, the working class right now is setting its own agenda, and discussing its line of march in a serious way.

The capital-centric outlook of the ruling elite denigrates workers as a cost of production. This elite resorts to straightforward imposition to deny workers any say over who can claim what out of the very value that their work has created by the application of their labour power to the raw materials of Mother Earth.

For the working class, on the other hand, this socialised economy lies at the very essence of their being. It is the working class who must, on behalf of the whole of society, fight vigorously to defend the rights of all, rights which they possess simply as rights by virtue of being human. They can have no illusions that any other force will take the lead in transforming society.

In the present, where the cartel party system seeks to block this transformation and deprive working people of an outlook, the workers' opposition spearheads the struggle

for overcoming this block. Objectively, the way out of the crisis is the one which genuinely empowers the people to have a say in the decisions. Already, the working people of Wales, Scotland and England from all walks of life are very vocal as to what they want. The workers' opposition fights to make sure that when the people speak in their own name, this speech becomes a powerful force for social change. New forms are required, forms which translate the people's voices into the determining factor.



In this context, there is an urgent need for an anti-war government. This is not a mere question of policy, but of democracy itself. It is part and parcel of the need for pro-social governance in general, governance with the guaranteeing of the rights of all as its central aim.

The workers are already engaged in many just battles in defence of their rights, in defence of health and safety at work, in fighting for decent pensions and affirming their claims on the value they produce for

society, in proudly upholding the dignity of labour. The working class inscribes on its banner the defence of the rights of all, its proletarian internationalism, an anti-war government and an economy which serves the well-being of society and harmonises collective interests with the general interests of that society.

Working people are seeing the necessity for their empowerment to secure their future. They are discussing how to turn things around, how to change the direction of the economy and of society. This is so necessary to avoid all the traps which the rich and powerful spring to attempt to get the working class and people to line up behind one agenda or another of the ruling elites.

So on this May Day, let us together uphold and strengthen the independent programme of the working class. Let us discuss and work out how to resolve the economic, political, social and environmental problems in ways that favour working people and not the rich. Let us develop a truly mass movement for empowerment and political renewal.

Old relations must be replaced by new relations in a world of socialised humanity. Therefore let the working class affirm that this is the problem they are taking up for solution, defending the rights of all and building the New!

Long Live May Day! Fight to Advance along the Path to Progress World-Wide! Workers of All Countries, Unite!

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