

# SOCIALISM 2018



## A FESTIVAL OF POLITICAL DEBATE

**10&11 NOVEMBER,  
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THEMES	SATURDAY 3-5PM	SUNDAY 10AM-12NOON	SUNDAY 1-2.45PM
<b>CORBYN, LABOUR &amp; SOCIALISM</b>	<b>CORBYNISM THREE YEARS ON</b> Speaker: Peter Taaffe, Socialist Party general secretary Chair: Theo ShariEFF, Socialist Party youth organiser DRAMA STUDIO, 1ST FLOOR	<b>BREXIT - HOW CAN WORKERS' INTERESTS BE DEFENDED?</b> Speaker: Claire Laker-Mansfield, editor, the Socialist Chair: Iain Dalton, Socialist Party National Committee (NC) DRAMA STUDIO, 1ST FLOOR	<b>WHY REFORMISM IS NOT ENOUGH</b> Speaker: Sarah Wrack, Socialist party Executive Committee (EC) Chair: Nick Auvache, North London Socialist Party secretary DRAMA STUDIO, 1ST FLOOR
<b>AUSTERITY MUST END</b>	<b>CAN UNIONS FIGHT AUSTERITY?</b> Panel discussion with RMT president Sean Hoyle, NSSN chair Rob Williams and other industrial militants Chair: Kris O'Sullivan, Birmingham Socialist Party CLARKE HALL, 3RD FLOOR	<b>WHAT HAPPENS IF COUNCILS SET NO-CUTS BUDGETS?</b> Speaker: Clive Heemskerk, Socialism Today deputy editor Chair: Corinthia Ward, Birmingham Socialist Party secretary CLARKE HALL, 3RD FLOOR	<b>THE CASE FOR SOCIALIST NATIONALISATION</b> Speakers: Paul Callanan and Ian Pattison, Socialist Party NC Chair: Hannah Davis, Birmingham Socialist Party CLARKE HALL, 3RD FLOOR
<b>COMMUNIST MANIFESTO TODAY</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING MARXIST ECONOMICS</b> Speaker: TU Senan, Committee for a Workers' International secretariat Chair: Sue Atkins, Southampton Socialist Party ROOM 739, 7TH FLOOR	<b>DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM: THE METHOD OF MARXISM</b> Speaker: Ross Saunders, Socialist Party NC Chair: Caroline Vincent, Leicester Socialist Party ROOM 739, 7TH FLOOR	<b>HISTORICAL MATERIALISM - NOT JUST KINGS AND QUEENS</b> Speakers: Ken Douglas, Socialist Party national treasurer Chair: Mary Finch, East London Socialist Party ROOM 739, 7TH FLOOR
<b>CAPITALIST CRISIS</b>	<b>10 YEARS ON FROM LEHMAN BROTHERS - WORLD ECONOMY ON THE BRINK AGAIN</b> Speakers: Steve Score, East Midlands Socialist Party secretary Chair: Aidan O'Toole, Nuneaton Socialist Party ROOM 802, 8TH FLOOR	<b>DEBATE: CAPITALISM V SOCIALISM SPEAKERS: ALL DEFENDERS OF CAPITALISM WELCOME. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH</b>	<b>CAN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE BE STOPPED</b> Speakers: Tom Baldwin, Socialist Party National Committee Chair: Rob Hooper, Leeds Socialist Party ROOM 731, 7TH FLOOR
<b>WHAT IS SOCIALISM?</b>	<b>BITESIZE 1 - 3-3.50pm: ASK ANY QUESTION ON SOCIALISM YOU WANT:</b> Speakers: Socialist Party organisers Alistair Tice, Elaine Brunskill and Becci Heagney <b>BITESIZE 2 - 4-4.50pm: WHY JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY:</b> Speakers: Socialist Party organisers Nick Chaffey, Helen Pattison and Mark Best BOTH IN ROOM 604, 6TH FLOOR	<b>WHAT IS BOLSHEVISM? WHAT IS STALINISM?</b> Speaker: Len Shail, Socialist Party NC Chair: Mark Best, Socialism 2018 organising team ROOM 604, 6TH FLOOR	<b>TROTSKY'S TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMME - A BRIDGE TO THE UNCONVINCED</b> Speaker: Sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialist Party national organiser Chair: James Ivens, editorial team, the Socialist ROOM 604, 6TH FLOOR
<b>FIGHTING GENDER OPPRESSION</b>		<b>SOCIALISTS AND THE GENDER RECOGNITION ACT</b> Speaker: Michael Johnson, Socialist Party LGBT+ group convenor Chair: sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialism 2018 organising team ROOM 822, 8TH FLOOR	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN'S LIVES MATTER</b> Speakers include: Amy Cousens, Leeds Women's Lives Matter, Jane Nellist, NUT executive, and others tbc Chair: Angie Waller, Barnsley Socialist Party secretary LOGAN HALL
<b>RESIST RACISM</b>	<b>FIGHTING FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS IN THE TORY 'HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT'</b> Speaker: Isai Priya, Socialist Party NC and Mathan, Refugee Rights Campaign Chair: Lawanya, Tamil Solidarity NUNN HALL, 4TH FLOOR	<b>FROM BNP TO FLA - THE ROLE OF THE WORKING CLASS IN FIGHTING RACISM</b> Speaker: Paula Mitchell, Socialist Party London Secretary and Paul Rafferty, Manchester TUC secretary (invited) NUNN HALL, 4TH FLOOR	
<b>CAPITALISM MEANS WAR</b>	<b>VIETNAM 1968, IRAQ 2003: IMPERIALISM &amp; WAR</b> Speaker: Niall Mulholland, CWI secretariat Chair: Jaime Davis, Caerphilly Socialist Party secretary ROOM 736, 7TH FLOOR	<b>1918: HOW REVOLUTION ENDED WORLD WAR ONE</b> Speaker: Bob Labi, CWI secretariat Chair: Tom Barker, Leicester Socialist Party ROOM 731, 7TH FLOOR	<b>FALKLANDS/MALVINAS</b> Speakers include Edward Wilson, socialist novelist Chair: Nick Hart, Birmingham Socialist Party ROOM 736, 7TH FLOOR
<b>WORLD IN CRISIS</b>	<b>CAN THE CHINESE ECONOMIC MIRACLE LAST?</b> Speaker: Hannah Sell, Socialist Party deputy general secretary Chair: Juliette Fogelman, East London Socialist Party ROOM 822, 8TH FLOOR	<b>LATIN AMERICA - LESSONS FOR THE LEFT IN BRITAIN &amp; EUROPE</b> Speaker: Tony Saunois, CWI secretary Chair: Dan Gilmore, Newcastle Socialist Party ROOM 802, 8TH FLOOR	<b>ANTI-SEMITISM, ISRAEL, PALESTINE AND THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM</b> Speakers: Judy Beishon, CWI secretariat, Paul Reilly, RMT executive, Paul Heron author of book on Ahd Tamimi Chair: Paul Hunt, Coventry Socialist Party ROOM 822, 8TH FLOOR
<b>POPULISM RISING?</b>	<b>COULD TRUMP WIN IN 2020?</b> Speaker: Kshama Sawant, Socialist Alternative Seattle Chair: Josh Asker, Southampton Socialist Party LOGAN HALL, LOWER FLOOR		<b>EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE: CAN THE LEFT REBUILD?</b> Speakers from Poland, Croatia and Romania Chair: Mira Glavardanov ROOM 731, 7TH FLOOR
<b>NATIONAL QUESTIONS</b>		<b>DOES ANOTHER SCOTTISH INDYREF HELP WORKERS FIGHT BACK?</b> Speakers: Philip Stott and Matt Dobson, Socialist Party Scotland Chair: Linda Thraves, Swansea Socialist Party ROOM 804, 8TH FLOOR	<b>STRUGGLE FOR AN INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST CATALONIA</b> Speaker: Juan Ignacio Ramos, Izquierda Revolucionaria Chair: Bea Gardner, Southampton Socialist Party NUNN HALL, 4TH FLOOR
<b>TORY COLD CRUELTY</b>	<b>LESSONS FROM THE POLL TAX FOR FIGHTING TORY ATTACKS</b> Speaker: Dave Griffiths, West Midlands Socialist Party secretary Chair: Lucy Riglin, Cardiff Central Socialist Party secretary 804, 8TH FLOOR		<b>AFTER GRENFELL - THE FIGHT FOR A SOCIALIST PROGRAMME ON HOUSING</b> Speakers: Paul Kershaw, Unite housing workers branch chair, campaigners from Butterfields Won't Budge Chair: Nancy Taaffe, Waltham Forest Socialist Party ROOM 802, 8TH FLOOR
<b>UNDERSTAND CAPITALISM</b>	<b>CAN THE STATE BE NEUTRAL?</b> Speaker: Alec Thraves, Socialist Party NC Chair: Lindsey Morgan, Leicester Socialist Party COMMITTEE ROOM 1, 4TH FLOOR	<b>FULLY AUTOMATED LUXURY COMMUNISM - IS AI TAKING US THERE?</b> Speaker: Robin Clapp, South West Socialist Party secretary Chair: Scott Jones, editorial team, the Socialist ROOM 736, 7TH FLOOR	
<b>HISTORY OF RESISTANCE</b>	<b>PETERLOO 1819: LESSONS FOR TODAY</b> Speakers: Hugh Gaffrey, North West Socialist Party secretary, and Kevin Parslow, Unite branch secretary Chair: Lily Branchett, Birmingham Socialist Party ROOM 731, 7TH FLOOR	<b>NHS AT 70 - THE FIGHT FOR ITS FUTURE</b> Speakers: Tessa Warrington, Socialist Party NC and Tom Hunt, Chatsworth ward campaigner and nurse Chair: Jon Dale, Mansfield Socialist Party secretary ROOM 804, 8TH FLOOR	<b>1968 - A REVOLUTIONARY YEAR IN FRANCE AND BEYOND</b> Speaker: Clare Doyle, CWI secretariat Chair: Matt Kilsby, Salford Socialist Party secretary CTTEE ROOM 1, 4TH FLOOR

**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 a closing rally on Sunday 3-4.30pm

**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 top industries 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!** [www.socialistparty.org.uk](http://www.socialistparty.org.uk) ● text join with your name & postcode to 07761 818206 ● email: [join@socialistparty.org.uk](mailto:join@socialistparty.org.uk) ● phone: 020 8988 8777 ● write to: Socialist Party, PO Box 24697, London E11 1YD

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**SOCIALISM V CAPITALISM**  
**STRUGGLE**  
**COMMUNISM**  
**INTERNATIONALISM**  
**RESISTANCE**

**MARXISM**  
**TROTSKY**  
**CORBYNISM**  
**REFORMISM**

**TRUMP...**  
**TORIES...**  
**BLAIRITES...**

**FIGHT**  
**THE**  
**RIGHT**

**and win for the working class**

SATURDAY RALLY 6.30-8.30PM

**We live in a world of crisis – the crisis of capitalism**

**Socialism offers an alternative**

Every time you watch the news or read a paper there is bad news - war, poverty, cuts, environmental catastrophe, inequality.

glimpsed an end to the housing crisis with council house building and rent control. But we still have to fight for these things.

For the 99% it is misery, with no end in sight. And the more the pro-capitalist politicians speak, the clearer it becomes that they have no solutions to our problems.

At Socialism 2018 we will not avoid the pressing and hard questions – how can we stop the Blairites from sabotaging our movement; how do we fight racism; how can liberation from women’s oppression be won and how does it connect to the fight for trans rights; can Trump be stopped; and what about Brexit – no one wants a Tory Brexit, but what is the alternative?

They tell us there is no alternative to capitalism – but there is.

Working class people know we get nothing in life without struggle. History shows that when we fight back we can win.

Speakers at Socialism have led successful campaigns to scrap the poll tax and remove Thatcher, to resist evictions, to shut down the BNP HQ, to save hospital wards and services, to win a \$15 minimum wage for workers in Seattle, to defend pensions, and more. We are relentless. We do not accept obstacles in the fight against the attacks on all of us.

And this is what Socialism is about. We do not accept that young people should be denied a future, that working class people should suffer low pay, poor and dangerous housing, or that around the world war and environmental catastrophe destroy millions of lives and threaten our very future.

Here in Britain we know people want change. That is what the support for Jeremy Corbyn represents. The 2017 snap general election revealed the appetite for an anti-austerity alternative. Young people glimpsed a future not crushed by student debt. Families

If you want to be inspired for the struggles 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!

● **Peter Taaffe**

Socialist Party general secretary, former editor of the Militant that defeated Thatcher twice - in Liverpool and on the poll tax

● **Kshama Sawant**

Socialist Alternative member and Seattle Council member who led the 1st successful campaign for a \$15/hr minimum wage

● **Chris Baugh**

Assistant general secretary of the PCS civil servants’ union and campaigning trade unionist (personal Capacity)

● **Hugo Pierre**

Unison NEC (personal capacity) fighting for justice for Windrush victims

● **Glasgow striker**

From the historic strike for equal pay

● **Juan Ignacio Ramos**

Izquierda Revolucionaria general secretary fighting for a socialism in the Spanish state

**SUNDAY RALLY 3-4.30PM**  
**ORGANISING POLITICAL RESISTANCE TO AUSTERITY**

**Speakers include:**

● **Hannah Sell**

Former Labour Party NEC member, author of Socialism in the 21st Century and Socialist Party deputy general secretary

● **Dave Nellist**

Former socialist Labour MP who only took a workers’ wage and who was expelled from Labour for fighting the Tories

● **Theo Sharieff**

Socialist Students national chair

## 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 9 November. Prices are: Golden ticket: £70 waged, £40 unwaged or low waged (includes entry to the entire weekend and one night in a central London hostel) • Weekend: £40 waged, £20 unwaged or low 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 [socialism2018.net](http://socialism2018.net)

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

## WHERE IS SOCIALISM?

There's a free crèche throughout the workshops and the rallies which you can book online or by phone up until 5 November.

## WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

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.

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 5 November 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](mailto:socialism@socialistparty.org.uk) if you have any queries.

## WHERE WILL I SLEEP?

There will be a large bookshop offering a wide range of left-wing books, pamphlets, posters, t-shirts and more: [leftbooks.co.uk](http://leftbooks.co.uk) There will be many other stalls too.

## ACCESSIBILITY



## WORKSHOPS & RALLIES

Institute of Education,  
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## HOSTELS

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### Clink 261

261-265 Gray's Inn Rd, WC1X 8QT

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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