SHEFFIELD LEFT for socialism

As the economy crashes again and the working class faces the brunt of even more attacks on our living standards and democratic rights we need to be organised to fight back.

Sheffield Left is a socialist group that seeks the radical transformation of society. We have our origins in the 'Corbyn Surge' within the Labour Party but have members from a wide range of socialist perspectives. We are anti-capitalists who recognise the primacy of the class struggle to bring about the change necessary for humans to live a free and fulfilling life.

We are in favour of an equal society based on need and not on profit, and therefore oppose the present oppressive aspects inherent in capitalism of racism, sexism and all other forms of discrimination and oppression.

We believe in the collective ownership and democratic control of the means of production, and of all essential services e.g. health, education, utilities, transport.

We support radical transformative policies to combat the climate emergency and create a fairer, greener, socialist society. We support biodiversity, and reforestation, and a rapid transition to greener cleaner jobs with programs of re-skilling for those jobs.

We are anti-imperialists supporting the struggles of progressive organisations opposing imperialism and settler-colonialism. Currently, SL members are particularly involved in the Palestinian, Cuban and Latin American solidarity movements.

We are internationalists and support our sisters and brothers across the planet who are fighting for a better, socialist, world.

We recognise the importance of an organised working class and support workers joining and transforming their trade unions into democratic organisations of the working class.

We believe in the importance of open public debate of socialist ideas. We support the idea of a mass democratic socialist party, which allows the formation of temporary or permanent internal tendencies and factions, and we will work towards achieving that.

New members are welcome who share such a vision. Please contact the convenor, Lee Rock: lee.rock@live.co.uk or info@sheffieldleft.org or through our Facebook group or our website.
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The working class Strikes Back! Build the Strikes!

Today many hundreds of thousands of workers across the public and private sector say they have had enough.

Industrial action over the past three months by Posties, Railway workers, Nurses, Ambulance workers, Teachers, Lecturers and Civil Service workers shows that we won't accept being made to pay for the Tories' corruption and profits.

This is about more than just each union's claims and grievances. The Tories have introduced legislation designed to hobble trade unions and force workers to strike break through Government controlled "minimum service levels".

Therefore strike action is also about defending the essential right of workers to withdraw their labour. This Tory attack demonstrates that we now have the most right-wing government in recent living memory – with their cheerleaders in the Tory press egging them on.

This is a fight to have a voice against the vested interests of the wealthy elite who are looting the public purse for their own private gain and increasing poverty and exploitation.

Every strike that makes gains supports the working class fight back. We must do all we can to spread the action, and to co-ordinate the strikes.

Unions are in a position at the moment to make gains for their members. But we need more than temporary gains. We need to build a socialist movement that seeks to transform society in the interests of the majority, rather than serving the interests of the few.

Support the strikes – and build a socialist fightback!