

Rising costs and capitalist chaos

But workers and young people are striking back against the super-rich...

Fight for a
socialist alternative
to capitalism

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Young workers and students are facing a vicious cost-of-living crisis. As prices continue to soar, even those with stable incomes are finding it hard to pay their bills.

The 'one rule for you, another rule for me' Tory government is on the ropes. They're a government of the super-rich for the super-rich – defending the record profits of the energy companies while we can hardly afford to live!

Regardless of who wins the Tory leadership contest, they'll continue to be bitterly divided. That should give young people and workers confidence that we can build a movement to kick them all out.

An apprenticeship or any other form of education is no guarantee of a decent job. Capitalism has nothing to offer young people for their futures. The jobs that young people are able to find are often poorly paid, with erratic hours and no guarantee of reliable, long-term employment.

The pandemic has made things worse, but poverty and insecurity are an inherent part of life under capitalism – a system that works exclusively to generate profits for the bosses at the expense of working-class people, driving down wages and pushing people into poverty. Now more than ever workers need at least a £15/hr minimum wage regardless of age and with pay rises at least in line with inflation each year.

We also need mass council house building, free education, a mass programme of socially useful job creation, and mass investment in green and renewable technology to combat the climate crisis!

The money is there to pay for all this. But it's in the pockets of

the super-rich. A socialist society would mean the democratic planning of those resources to provide a decent future for all workers and young people.

Workers strike back

The recent wave of strikes has shown the potential power of working-class people when they get organised and fight back in a coordinated way. Across the country striking workers are winning themselves above inflation pay rises. That's what we think young workers need! We need to get involved in our trade unions to stand up against the bosses in our workplaces and protect our rights. Together, young people and workers can force out this weak and divided Tory government which for over ten years has done nothing but cut public services and raise costs for ordinary people.

But Starmer's Labour offers no alternative, doing nothing but trying to please the bosses and passing on cuts locally – just look at how Starmer has forbidden MPs from attending picket lines! Young people need a new workers' party that will stand up against attacks, cuts and austerity as well as fighting for a socialist alternative to the current system.

The socialist way out

Fighting for pay rises and better conditions in the workplace is a good start, but whatever victories the working class gain will always be undermined by the bosses and capitalist politicians. If we want to bring about permanent change we need to replace capitalism with a system that works for us all, not just a privileged few.

We fight for a socialist alternative. This would mean workers democratically planning society's wealth and resources, starting by bringing the banks, and the major corporations, monopolies and industries into

democratic public ownership to meet the needs of ordinary people, not profit for the bosses.

We can no longer afford to let the massive exploitation across the globe continue with no sign of recovery and no capitalist policy that can provide a way out. If you agree, then it is time to get organised in your area and join the fightback against poverty and exploitation. Young people and workers united have the potential to transform society for the betterment of all. Get involved with the Young Socialists and help make it a reality.

Young Socialists say:

- **Young people need to get organised to fight for a decent future. For fighting democratic student unions in colleges and schools.**
- **End low pay. For trade union struggle for a £15/hr minimum wage. Abolish youth rates! Join and get involved in your trade union!**
- **End job insecurity and underemployment. Scrap zero-hour contracts!**
- **Build a united working-class struggle to combat racism, sexism, LGBTQphobia, and all forms of oppression. Fight for a socialist world.**
- **Make the 1% pay for the cost of living crisis. Nationalise the energy companies under democratic workers' control and management to cut our energy bills.**
- **For a mass programme of socially useful and environmentally friendly job creation.**
- **Fight for socialism. For democratic public ownership of major industry and the banks to provide us with a future.**