We are the New Communist Party
This is what we stand for:

**We stand for Peace:** An end to our armies invading other countries like Afghanistan and Iraq; an end to wasting £billions on nuclear weapons like Trident.

**We stand for socialism:** The western world is governed by the rich and powerful - the giant banks and businesses and landowners. We say it should be governed by the workers - the masses who spend their lives creating wealth for others but receive so little of it in return.

**We stand for revolution:** The rich and powerful are not going to hand over their power and wealth easily. Elections are not enough to dislodge them; we need to change the whole system from top to bottom. Our class must defeat theirs and bring about a true working class democracy. Capitalism is a crazy system that worships money and oppresses millions of workers. It is unstable and threatens the future of humanity. It must be brought down.

**We stand for working class unity:** The ruling class has many weapons but we have the power of vast numbers on our side. And when we stop doing their bidding, when we go on strike, suddenly they have very little. We must unite. We must educate, agitate and above all organise and work within the labour movement structure to build unity and confidence for the fight ahead. We must not be divided by racism, sexism or any other prejudice and we must stand by those who all workers face prejudice and discrimination. An injury to one is an injury to all!

**We fight for higher wages:** Wages should be big enough to support each worker and their dependants in a decent standard of living without having to go into the misery of debt or exhausting overtime.

**We fight for freedom from debt:** Personal debt – mortgages, credit cards, banks loans and so on – are a source of misery, stress and mental illness, forcing people to work long, long hours, to neglect themselves and their families just to feed bank profits.

**We fight for a shorter working week:** Modern technology and machinery allows enormous amounts of work to be done quickly. Workers should benefit from this by not having to work so long. Workers who are relaxed and refreshed perform better. We are all entitled to rest, leisure and a little fun.

**We fight for decent pensions:** People who have worked hard all their lives are entitled to a comfortable, stress-free retirement. They should not be pressured by money worries into working long into their old age.

**We fight for decent housing:** When we have worked hard for our wages we do not want to be handing half of them over week after week to a landlord who has done nothing to deserve them. We fight against private landlordism and demand decent, secure council housing for all who need it. Homelessness and fear of homelessness are evils that have no place in a civilised society.

**We fight for decent education:** Our society should treasure all its children and young people. They need to be taught that they are valued; to value and respect themselves and others. Schools should have enough well trained teachers to stretch children’s abilities so they learn to overcome problems and enjoy being in the world. Children need more time and attention from adults: their parents, grandparents, schoolteachers, youth workers and so on.
May Day on the march!

Working people all over the world are celebrating May Day this week. In every continent millions upon millions of working people are raising the Red Flag in honour of the international working class holiday that is the spirit of determination, solidarity and resistance.

In the socialist countries it’s a people’s holiday marking the gains of the revolutions that swept out the hated old order in China, Korea, Cuba and Indo-China. In Africa, Asia and Latin America it’s the rallying point of organised labour in the struggle for peace and socialism.

We raise the Red Flag to honour those dark days of the 1880s when American workers united against grasping employers who would have them work all day, every day but Sunday struggle that took place in Chicago in 1886 that ended with workers gunned down in the street by the police and their leaders hanged on trumped-up charges of conspiracy and murder. We march with the masses all round the world heralding the new era that will end capitalist exploitation once and for all.

Fight Austerity. Make work pay raise wages!

The working class has just taken an almighty punch from the ruling class in the combined austerity cuts and passing control of the NHS budget into the hands of private agencies.

Already the working class death toll is mounting from seriously disabled and long term sick people driven to an early death through stress and suicide by the notorious work capability test. And thousands who cannot afford to turn on the heating and have died from hypothermia in this long cold winter.

Chancellor George Osborne claims these cuts are fair and necessary to “make work pay”. But the majority of people who will suffer from these cuts are in work.

And if millions of people in full time work are getting wages less than what they could get on benefits, then it is wages that are too low, not benefits that are too high.

Petitions, protest marches and one-day strikes are part of the fight-back but they are not enough. We need long term strikes by all workers demanding higher wages and for benefits to be linked to wages. This will raise workers out of poverty and create more jobs.

The ruling class will take notice when workers come out, especially when they do it together and for a long time. Unions must bulk up their long-term strike support funds. There is no more important use for union funds, especially now. When workers see a real fight going on they will respond — as the hundreds of thousands of people who collected to support the miners’ strike did.

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