

MAY DAY RALLY



THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE WORKING CLASS FIGHTBACK

**1- 5pm Sunday 3 May @ Malet Room, University
of London Union (ULU), Malet Street, WC1E 7HY**

- WE WON'T PAY
FOR THEIR CRISIS!

WORKING CLASS RESISTANCE TO SACKINGS AND PAY CUTS

Rank and file trade unionists from Britain join with speakers from Ireland and France to discuss the huge strikes that are taking place overseas and how we can build a mass movement here too.

- THE REVOLUTIONARY
ALTERNATIVE TO CAPITALISM:
A SOCIALIST PROGRAMME FOR A
WORLD IN CRISIS

Speaker: Richard Brenner, author of
'The Credit Crunch - A Marxist
Analysis'

The government is giving hundreds of billions to banks, while they axe workers' jobs and cut our pay. But we didn't cause the crisis - the bankers and the bosses did. So why should workers have to pay the price? This economic crisis is hitting the whole world. The recession could be turning into a depression, creating an ever more dangerous world of conflict between nations and of sharp struggles between the capitalists and the workers.

This rally will bring together workers and youth who are demanding change. We want mass resistance to the sackings and pay cuts, we want the billions wasted on bank bailouts spent creating millions of useful jobs instead, and we want an end to the crazy system of capitalist profiteering and its replacement with a socialist planned economy.

**Come along and join the
discussion on 3 May.**

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All over the world the capitalists are trying to force working people to pay for the recession.

They have given hundreds of billions to bail out the bankers who caused the crisis. And now they're sacking workers and cutting wages - from Ford and Indesit to BMW and Woolworths.

Why should the workers have to pay? The banks and the bosses caused the crisis - they are the ones who should pay for it.

Instead of bailing out banks, Brown should be spending the billions saving jobs, pay and pensions, creating new jobs across Britain.

The money's there - if only he taxed the rich.

The banks should all be nationalised. So should all companies that declare redundancies. State owned companies should be run by the workers for social need not for profits and bonuses. We should cut the hours not the jobs, with no loss of pay.

The workers at Prisme in Dundee and Waterford in Ireland show the way forward by occupying their workplaces. Every plant or office that closes or cuts jobs should be occupied too.

URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Our trade union leaders should be doing much more to fight back.

They should:

- Call strikes against job losses, pay

cuts and privatisation.

- Call a one day general strike as a show of our strength, just like French workers have.
- Demand jobs for all.
- Launch an unemployed workers' union.

In every union, we should organise from below to build action with the union leaders where possible and without them where necessary. If the union leaders sit on their hands, we should organise action without them. We should link up from below by building committees for action in every town and city.

If Brown or the bosses use the anti-union laws against us, then we should spread action all over Britain in a general strike.

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

If greedy bosses pay foreign workers or agency staff less than the going rate, we should unite and fight to level up pay and conditions. We should reject the call for 'British jobs, for British workers', which turns worker against worker. Instead we say 'workers of all countries unite.'

If the Nazi BNP try to stir up hatred, we should drive them off the streets and back into the gutter where they belong.

No to the EU? Some union leaders have started a campaign blaming the EU for the crisis. And, certainly, any

anti-worker EU laws should be fought against. But its not just foreign bosses who are to blame for the crisis - British bosses are too. After all, Britain still has Margaret Thatcher's anti-union laws - the worst employment laws in western Europe.

NEW PARTY NEEDED

The Labour Party of Brown and Mandelson is paying billions to the bosses and kicking the workers in the teeth. But our biggest unions are still funding Labour to the tune of millions. The unions should stop funding Labour and set up a new workers' party instead.

A new workers' party could unite the working class - British and foreign - in a fight against the capitalist system of crisis and unemployment.

The system isn't working - but the workers are the overwhelming majority. We have the power to make a revolution and run society ourselves, planning production for need, not private greed.

Workers Power is a revolutionary socialist organisation. We organise workers, trade unionists, students and young people who want to see revolutionary solutions to a world in crisis. If you agree with what you read, then get in contact and join Workers Power. workerspower@btopenworld.com
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