

# THIS MAY DAY

## STRUGGLE AGAINST GENOCIDE, REACTIONARY IDEAS AND ATTACKS ON OUR RIGHTS

**The past few weeks have been a shocking validation of the crisis ridden nature of the capitalist system. While Trump and his administration have launched a tariff and trade war, they have also leaned into an authoritarian crackdown brutally imprisoning anti-genocide protestors and migrant workers, including unaccompanied children.**

Trump, like Biden before him, has been championing the cause of genocide - Netanyahu and the Israeli terror state have been given carte blanche to continue the genocide and extend further the suffering of millions of Palestinians. In the UK, Starmer and the Labour government have cut welfare, including up to £5 billion in benefits, in order to increase military spending by billions.

### **Coordinated response needed to the ravaging of jobs**

The threat of job losses at Spirit Aerospace and BT in Derry require a robust and coordinated response from the trade union movement. Attempts to undercut and sell out thousands of workers is not a one off. As the Labour government continues to implement cuts it is likely we will see attempts to axe jobs in other industries including healthcare and education. The Public Health Agency is already reviewing nursing provision in special schools.

The entire trade union movement needs to get behind Spirit and BT workers and engage in a fight to save their jobs, ensuring workers are engaged in socially useful production and service provision. A victory for workers in these companies would send a message to bosses and politicians alike that workers will not accept being thrown on the scrap-pile in favour of maximising profits.

### **An injury to one is an injury to all**

The UK Supreme Court ruling to legally define a woman by biological sex at birth is a huge attack on trans rights. This attack is part of a global reactionary backlash which seeks to sideline and silence trans, non-binary and intersex people, and push back on years of progress that has been hard fought for. The Stormont Executive

decided to ban puberty blockers - denying young trans people gender-affirming and life-saving healthcare on the basis of the flawed Cass report. Already trans gender athletes have been banned from women's football in Scotland and England.

The Supreme Court ruling is a decisive moment. Around Britain thousands of young trans and non-binary people are getting organised to fight for their rights. It is imperative that this also happens here and that the trade union movement is steadfast in its support for trans workers.

It is no coincidence that it is the same capitalist governments who are supporting genocide, pointing the finger at migrants, cutting healthcare, and attacking pay and conditions who are attacking and dehumanising trans people. As the crisis of capitalism becomes more acute, politicians who do the bidding of big business have to find more ways to divide and rule ordinary working-class people. The trade union movement must stand united on these issues and fight for trans, non-binary and intersex workers. We cannot accept any attack on our rights.

### **PUBLIC MEETING:**



**From the Supreme Court ruling  
to the ban on Puberty Blockers:**

**WHY DOES  
CAPITALISM NEED  
TRANSPHOBIA?**

**Open meeting:  
Thursday May 8th @ 7pm  
QUB SU : Drawing room**



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## We need socialist solutions

Our rights, including democratic rights which were won through struggle, are never safe under capitalism. The defence of democratic rights is also a rallying-call for millions to move into struggle against this system and for an equal and truly democratic future.

The basis for such a society could be laid by taking the biggest companies, wealth and resources into public ownership and democratic control. It would mean all of us having a say in how resources are used as part of an overarching plan for the economy. Instead of burning more fossil fuels and slashing crucial services, we could invest in green energy, public transport, health and education. There would be no need for divide and rule tactics or discriminatory hierarchies.

Instead of maximising profit, we could maximise human welfare. Instead of creating unemployment, new technology would lighten workloads without loss of pay for workers. Public housing could be built at cost price and everyone guaranteed a home. We could control food and fuel prices and eradicate duplication in research and production. We could take over the fossil-fuel and arms industries, retraining workers and repurposing machines for socially useful production.

## Struggle: antidote to despair & division

Socialism would give people a sense of control over their lives and common purpose. It would weaken the grip of backwards ideas like sexism, racism, ableism, transphobia and more. It would enable us to start tackling major challenges like climate change.

We have no choice but to break with the entire capitalist system and its logic which always places the profit of a few over the wellbeing of the majority and the planet. The change we need can only be achieved through socialist revolution. Socialist revolution in turn can only be achieved by us - by working-class people and the oppressed internationally coming together to fight collectively, to organise, protest and strike for a world free of exploitation and oppression.

**Those who protect the status quo have huge resources at their disposal. That is why we cannot delay - we must get organised now.**



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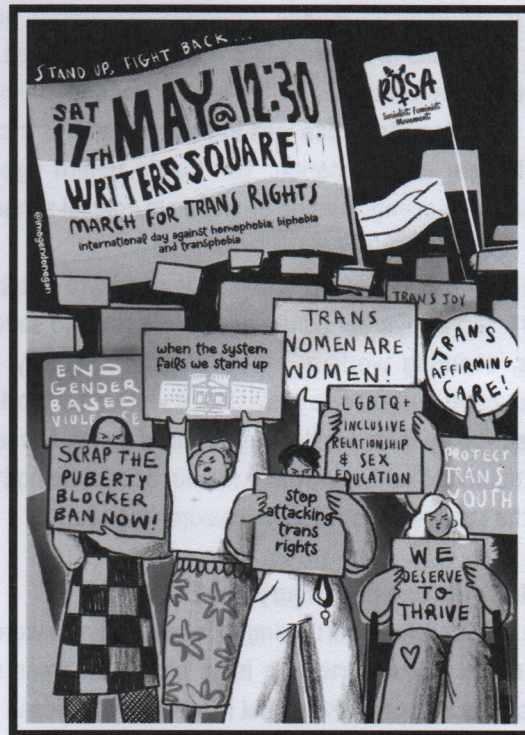
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**-Support the campaigns**, sign our petitions and work alongside Socialist Party members to oppose job losses, transform the unions into fighting member led organisations

**-Make a commitment** to get involved in ROSA the socialist feminist movement to fight the transphobic backlash from the Supreme Court Ruling - help advertise and get people to the 17 May March for Trans Rights

**-Join the Socialist Party** today and help fight for a socialist world - the only way we can end exploitation, war, oppression, racism and all the other tools capitalism are sharpening to maintain the rule of 0.1% [socialistpartyni.org/join](https://socialistpartyni.org/join)

## We're supporting ROSA's March for Trans Rights



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