



1 May 2026: workers fighting on every front

This May Day, workers in Britain march into the second year of a Labour government that has allowed rents and prices to erode real wages, and cut support for the sick and disabled to fund record increases in military spending.

The Starmer government has run itself into the ground mired in scandal, corruption and contempt for its own base. But none of the alternatives on offer represents a break with the system producing the crisis. Reform UK is being groomed as the next instrument of austerity, with racist scapegoating to absorb working-class anger. The Greens are being positioned as a safety valve for liberal and progressive voters.

Fight racism and fascism

Behind Reform's parliamentary advance, fascist street forces around Tommy Robinson grow in confidence. The Labour government legitimises their demands by criminalising refugees, expanding police powers, and prosecuting Palestine demonstrators as terrorists. Against the liberal anti-racism promoted by the SWP and the trade union leaders in the 'Together Alliance', we fight for a workers' united front with class demands: no platform for fascists, against all immigration controls, organised self-defence

against racist and police violence.

Internationalism

Internationally, the same crisis appears in starker form. The United States, Britain and the European powers continue to bankroll Israel's genocide in Gaza and its assault on Lebanon. Trump is haggling with Putin over the carve-up of Ukraine while waging war on Iran and tightening the blockade of Cuba. Eclipsed at the negotiating table, the European powers have launched the largest rearmament drive since the Cold War.

Sections of the left look to Russia and China as a counterweight to Washington, refusing to recognise them as imperialist powers competing for markets, resources and spheres of influence. We reject this campism. We unconditionally defend Palestine against Zionist genocide, Lebanon and Iran against Western and Israeli aggression, and Ukraine against Russian invasion — independent of every bourgeois government and reactionary leadership.

A workers' programme

A new generation has taken to the streets — for Palestine, against the cost-of-living crisis, against the racist right. Resident doctors, transport workers and educators have shown the will to fight. What is missing is a leadership equal to the task.

The cost-of-living catastrophe

is intensifying as the war on Iran sends energy and food prices spiralling once again. Rearmament drains the public purse that should fund wages, housing and the NHS. Defending working-class living standards at home and ending the imperialist wars abroad that intensify the crisis are not two struggles but one. They demand a united front of the trade unions and the workers' movement, fighting for an emergency programme of action: a sliding scale of wages and benefits indexed to real prices, expropriation of the energy giants and banks under workers' control, and the cancellation of the war budget.

The experience of 'Your Party' has shown that the reformist labour and union bureaucracy cannot be depended on to fight for workers' interests.

Workers need our own party — rooted in the workplaces, schools, and estates, fighting to make the rich pay for their crisis: full rights for migrants, scrapping the anti-union laws, an end to arms sales to Israel, public ownership under workers' control; and for a workers' government answerable to the working class, not the markets.

**Stop arming Israel
Make the rich pay for their crisis
For a revolutionary workers' party — for a new International Workers of the world, unite!**



A workers united front against racism & fascism

The far right is organising now. Tommy Robinson has called his next demonstration for 16 May – the same day as the Nakba Day march for Palestine. That is no accident. The far right wants to intimidate migrants, Muslims, and the whole labour movement. It wants to control the streets and it must be stopped.

Labour won't stop it. Every concession to racist politics strengthens the racists. Every time the government talks about migrants as a threat, every time it boasts about deportations and crackdowns, every time it accepts the language of the right, it gives the far right a lift. Starmer and his ministers are not cutting the ground from under the racists. They are paving their way.

But one-off marches are not enough either. We need mass anti-racist mobilisations, and we should build them. We need big turnouts, visible unity and determined opposition on the streets. But people cannot be called out one day, sent home the next, and told the danger is dealt with. The far right is organising all the time. Anti-racists have to organise all the time too.

Racism is their weapon

Racism is not just ignorance or wrong ideas. It is a weapon of class rule. The rich want work-

ers blaming migrants, refugees and minorities for the crisis their system has created: low pay, bad housing, collapsing services, insecure work and endless war. They want anger turned sideways, against the vulnerable, instead of upwards, against the bosses, landlords and politicians responsible.

That is why moral appeals are not enough. 'Love' and 'hope' will not stop fascists. Liberal anti-racism does not answer the lies that are poisoning parts of our class. We have to answer them directly and politically. Migrants did not break the NHS. Refugees did not cause the housing crisis. Muslims did not create poverty or unemployment. Capitalism did.

The danger is real because right-wing ideas are finding an audience, including in workplaces and unions. That cannot be ignored or wished away. It has to be confronted patiently, politically and collectively. We need argument in every workplace, college, estate and union branch against the racist lies that divide us.

What we need to build

We need working-class anti-racism. That means trade union branches, tenants' groups, socialist organisations and local campaigns organising together in every town and city. It means building committees that can act, not just issue statements. It

means demanding that union leaders mobilise their members, and where they refuse, building pressure from below to force action.

And when the far right comes onto the streets to spread fear, it must be met by disciplined mass opposition. Our meetings, demonstrations and communities need organised stewarding and self-defence. Anti-racists must not be left exposed while fascists and their allies attack with confidence. The labour movement should defend itself.

A new workers party

But resistance alone is not enough. If racism and fascism are rooted in capitalism, then the answer has to go deeper than protest. We need an anti-capitalist workers' party that can unite our class in struggle, fight for socialism, and give a political lead against every form of racism, nationalism and scapegoating. Without that, the poison will keep returning. With it, we can begin to drive the far right back and strike at the system that breeds it.

The antidote to fascism is not liberal pleading. It is working-class organisation, socialist politics and collective struggle.

**Build a workers united front
Smash all immigration controls
Organise self-defence
All out on 16 May**