

SOCIALISM **1917** **2017** **REVOLUTION**

FINAL AGENDA

Workshop and rally speakers and room details

MAPS

Where workshops are located in
the Institute of Education,
and getting between the hostels and parties

JOIN THE SOCIALISTS

Find out about joining the Socialist Party

WEEKEND DETAILS

Crèche, bookshop, poster exhibition, readings,
campaigning stalls, mobility assistance,
hostel details and more



THEMES	SATURDAY 3-5PM	SUNDAY 10AM-12NOON	SUNDAY 1-2.45PM
1917 RUSSIAN REVOLUTION	DEBATE: WHAT IS THE LEGACY OF THE 1917 OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA Speaker: Peter Taaffe, Socialist Party general secretary Chair: Caroline Vincent, Leicester East Socialist Party DRAMA STUDIO, 1ST FLOOR	WAS LENIN A DICTATOR? Speaker: Paula Mitchell, Socialist Party London secretary Chair: Mark Best, Socialism 2017 organising team DRAMA STUDIO	LESSONS OF OCTOBER: ARE TROTSKY'S IDEAS STILL RELEVANT? Speaker: Clare Doyle, International Secretariat, CWI Chair: Mike Forster, Health Campaigns Together committee (pc) DRAMA STUDIO
WHAT IS SOCIALISM?		WHAT IS SOCIALISM AND IS IT POSSIBLE IN OUR LIFETIME? Speaker: Ross Saunders, Socialist Party national committee Chair: Sofia Wiking, Leicester West Socialist Party secretary CTEE ROOM 1	WHAT WENT WRONG IN VENEZUELA? Speaker: Tony Saunois, CWI secretary Chair: Isla Windsor, Coventry East Socialist party NUNN HALL 
CORBYN, LABOUR & THE FIGHTBACK	LABOUR AND THE TRADE UNIONS Speakers: Sean Hoyle, RMT President, Glenn Kelly, SP industrial organiser Chair: Katrine Williams, PCS Wales chair CTEE ROOM 1 	HOW CAN A CORBYN-LED GOVERNMENT AVOID SABOTAGE? Speaker: Sarah Wrack, editor, the Socialist Chair: Kris O'Sullivan, Birmingham South East Socialist Party ROOM 822 	LOCAL GOVERNMENT - THE NEXT SCENE OF THE ANTI-AUSTERITY BATTLE? Speakers: Tony Mulhearn, former Liverpool District Labour Party leader, Tom Baldwin, former Bristol mayoral candidate Chair: Neil Cafferky, Tower Hamlets Socialist Party ROOM 822
FIGHTING RACISM	FORUM: TRADE UNIONS & THE FIGHT FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS Speakers: Mathan & Sathiya, Refugee Rights Campaign, Roger Bannister, former member of Unison NEC Chair: Dhanu, Tamil Solidarity NUNN HALL		'YOU CAN'T HAVE CAPITALISM WITHOUT RACISM' - WAS MALCOLM X RIGHT? Speakers: Marvin Hay, Hackney Unison joint branch secretary, Hugo Pierre, Unison national executive Chair: April Ashley, Unison NEC (all pc) ROOM 731
READYING FOR REVOLUTION	REVOLUTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN THE USA Speaker: Kshama Sawant, Socialist Alternative member and Seattle councilmember Chair: Juliette Fogelman, East London Socialist Party LOGAN HALL		EUROPE AND THE RISE OF POPULISM Speakers: Danny Byrne, International Secretariat, CWI, Vladimir Bortun, Greenwich Socialist Party Chair: Chris Newby, London Socialist Party organiser CTEE ROOM 1
CAPITALISM TODAY	10 YEARS SINCE THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS - IS THERE A WAY OUT FOR CAPITALISM? Speaker: Hannah Sell, Socialist Party deputy general secretary Chair: Josh Asker, SP Southern regional committee ROOM 802	WILL THERE ALWAYS BE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST? Speaker: Judy Beishon, International Secretariat, CWI Chair: Paul Hunt, Coventry West Socialist Party NUNN HALL	UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME AND THE GIG ECONOMY - WHAT CAN LIFT WORKERS OUT OF POVERTY? Speaker: Judy Beishon, Socialist Party executive committee Chair: Sam Morecroft, Sheffield South SP CLARKE HALL
NATIONAL QUESTIONS	FROM RUSSIA 1917 TO SCOTLAND 2017: HOW DO SOCIALISTS APPROACH THE NATIONAL QUESTION Speaker: Philip Stott, Socialist Party Scotland Chair: Bea Gardner, Southampton SP ROOM 822	WHAT IS GOING ON IN CATALONIA? Speaker: Juan Ignacio Ramos, Izquierda Revolucionaria general secretary Chair: James Kerr, Socialist teachers group LOGAN HALL	DEBATE: CAN THE EU BE REFORMED IN WORKERS' INTERESTS? Speaker: Clive Heemskerck, Socialism Today deputy editor Chair: Iain Dalton, Yorkshire Socialist Party organiser ROOM 802
WHAT IS MARXISM?	INTERACTIVE: DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM: THE METHOD OF MARXISM Speaker: Jim Hensman, Coventry Socialist Party Chair: Scott Jones, industrial editor, the Socialist ROOM 739	HISTORICAL MATERIALISM: HOW MARXISTS UNDERSTAND SOCIETY? Speaker: Ken Douglas, Socialist Party treasurer Chair: Jack Metcalf, Manchester Socialist Party secretary ROOM 739	150 YEARS OF MARX'S CAPITAL - IS IT STILL RELEVANT? Speaker: Robin Clapp, South West Socialist Party secretary Chair: Nick Hart, Birmingham Socialist Party ROOM 739 
UNITED WE STAND	WHAT CAN THE 1917 REVOLUTION TELL US ABOUT THE FIGHT FOR LGBT+ RIGHTS? Speaker: Michael Johnson, Socialist Party LGBT+ members group Chair: Tanis Belsham-Wray, Leeds SP secretary ROOM 804	CAN ART AND LITERATURE PROVIDE A VOICE FOR THE LEFT? Speakers: Meena Kandasamy, writer/activist, Edward Wilson, socialist novelist, Ellen Kenyon-Peers aka Ana Key MP, Elaine Mallon, BadArt Scotland Chair: James Ivens, reviews editor, the Socialist CLARKE HALL	FORUM: WOMEN AND THE FIGHTBACK Heather Rawling, Socialist Party women's committee, Annette Oliver, Save Derby Women's Centre, Louise Harrison, South Yorkshire Women's Aid and Monika Jonas, ROSA Chair: Angie Waller, Barnsley Socialist Party secretary LOGAN HALL
FORUMS OF RESISTANCE	THE FIGHTBACK AND THE STATE Speakers: Dave Nellist on police spying, Mike McColgan, Orgreave Truth & Justice Campaign, Claire Laker-Mansfield, SP executive committee Chair: Joao Felix, Cardiff West Socialist Party CLARKE HALL	ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: A WORKING CLASS ISSUE Speakers: Nicole Lawlor, Truth About Zane, Chris Baugh, PCS assistant general secretary Chair: Paul Couchman, Save Our Services in Surrey secretary ROOM 804	CAN THE LAW BE USED TO FIGHT AUSTERITY? Speaker: Paul Heron, Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers Chair: Ryan Aldred, Plymouth Socialist Party secretary ROOM 736 
FIGHTING AUSTERITY	THE LOW PAY BATTLE Speakers: Richard Beddows, Birmingham bin strike convenor, Lewis, McDonalds striker, Rob Williams, NSSN chair Chair: Steve North, Salford Unison branch secretary (pc) ROOM 731	CAN NHS PRIVATISATION BE STOPPED BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE? Speakers include: Jackie Murphy, Hands Off HRI, Tom Hunt, Save Chatsworth and others Chair: Zoe Brunswick, medical student and BMA ROOM 731	WAS GRENFELL "MURDER BY POLITICAL DECISIONS"? Speakers: Paul Kershaw, Unite housing branch, Nancy Taaffe, Waltham Forest Socialist Party and housing campaigner Chair: Bob Sulatycki, West London SP ROOM 804

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

This will take place on Sunday in the space outside Logan Hall on Level 1, the lower floor, near the book shop

**BIG IDEAS
in Bitesize**

**Saturday
3pm
-3.50pm**

**Saturday
4pm-
4.50pm**

**Sunday
10am-
10.50am**

**Sunday
11am-
11.50am**

**Sunday
1pm
-1.45pm**

**Sunday
2pm-
2.45pm**

<p>YOUNG SOCIALISTS</p> <p>ROOM 604, 6TH FLOOR</p> <p>Mainly aimed at school and college students</p>	<p>HOW CAN WE WIN FREE EDUCATION?</p> <p>Speaker: Tessa Warrington East Mids SP organiser Chair: Will Hornett, Sheffield student organiser</p>	<p>LESSONS FROM THE STUDENT UNION VICTORY IN SPAIN</p> <p>Speaker: Coral Latorre, Sindicato d'Estudiante Catalunya</p>	<p>WHY DO WE STILL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SPANISH REVOLUTION?</p> <p>Speaker: Len Shail, West Midlands Socialist Party youth organiser</p>	<p>FRANCE 1968 - STUDENTS, STRIKES, SOCIALISM ON THE AGENDA</p> <p>Speaker: Helen Pattison, London Socialist Party youth organiser</p>	<p>MENTAL HEALTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE - HOW WOULD SOCIALISM BE DIFFERENT?</p> <p>Speaker: Becci Heagney, North West SP organiser</p>	<p>SOCIAL MEDIA - THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL</p> <p>Speaker: Ben Robinson, Socialist Books</p>
<p>SOCIALISM MADE EASY</p> <p>Mainly aimed at those new to Socialism</p> <p>ROOM 736, 7TH FLOOR</p>	<p>EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SOCIALISM BUT WERE TOO EMBARRASSED TO ASK</p> <p>Speakers: Alistair Tice, SP Yorkshire secretary, Elaine Brunskill, SP Northern region secretary, Hugh Caffrey, SP North West secretary</p>	<p>ARE PEOPLE TOO GREEDY FOR SOCIALISM?</p> <p>Speaker: Paul Calanan, South London Socialist Party organiser</p>	<p>IS THERE AN EASIER WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD?</p> <p>Speaker: Ian Pattison, the Socialist paper campaign organiser</p>	<p>DO WE STILL NEED A PARTY?</p> <p>Speaker: Sarah Sachs-Eldridge, Socialist Party national organiser</p>	<p>Why join the Socialist Party?</p> <p>By joining the Socialist Party you are joining the most determined and effective socialist organisation in the country, part of the Committee for a Workers' International, the world socialist organisation. Our branches meet every week for inclusive and democratic political discussion and to organise our forces to work with campaigns, trade unions and activists in our communities and beyond to change the world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">See: socialistparty.org.uk</p>	



JOIN THE SOCIALISTS! To find out and ask questions about what being a member means for you, please visit the recruitment stall in the reception area

• Come to the infomal meeting •

ROOM 604, 6th FLOOR SUNDAY, 12:15

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SATURDAY RALLY

6.30-8.30PM

- Ian Mearns MP**
Corbynista MP and chair of the RMT's parliamentary group
- Juan Ignacio Ramos**
Izquierda Revolucionaria general secretary and activist against austerity and capitalism in the Spanish state
- Chris Baugh**
Assistant general secretary of the PCS civil servants' union and campaigning trade unionist
- Isai Priya**
Leading activist with Tamil Solidarity and Refugee Rights Campaign
- Chaired by Sarah Wrack**
Editor of The Socialist paper
- Kshama Sawant**
Socialist Alternative member and the US's most prominent elected socialist who led the 1st successful campaign for a \$15/hr minimum wage
- Peter Taaffe**
Socialist Party general secretary, former editor of the Militant and author of 'From Militant to the Socialist Party'



Pick up a free book if you subscribe during the Socialism 2017 weekend

SUNDAY RALLY 3-4.30PM

ORGANISING THE RESISTANCE

Hannah Sell
Former Labour Party NEC member, author of Socialism in the 21st Century and Socialist Party deputy general secretary

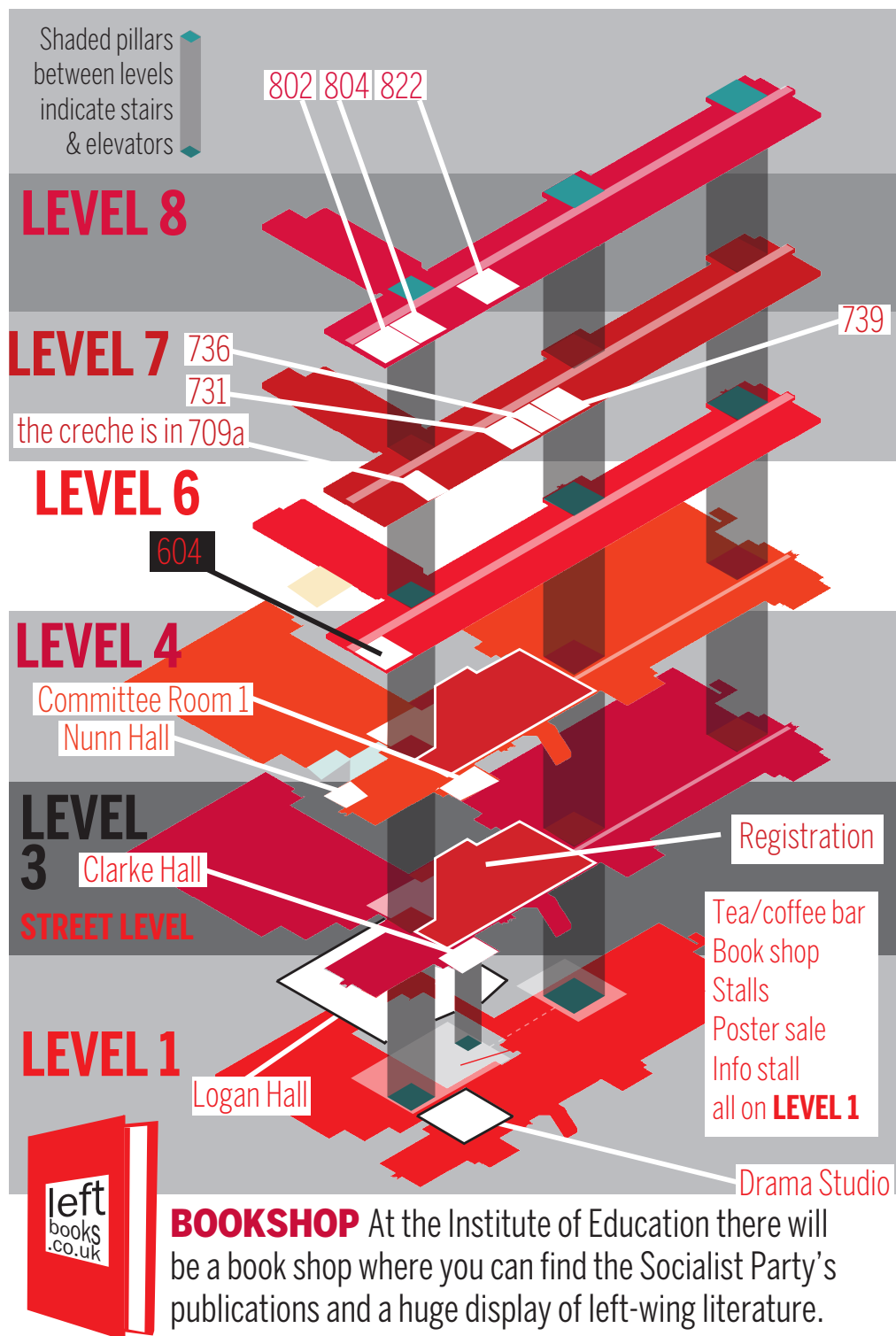
Coral Latorre
General secretary of the Student Union in Catalonia

Paul Murphy TD
Prominent Irish activist in the movement for abortion rights, who recently defeated attempts to criminalise protest in Jobstown

Howard Beckett
Assistant general secretary of Unite the Union

Theo Sharieff
Socialist Students national chair and organiser of Budget Day protests against fees

Chaired by Paul Callanan
South London Socialist party organiser



CRÈCHE The crèche will be in room 709a. It will run during the sessions and rallies. Please make sure that you pick up your children during breaks, and at the end of the day. Claire is in charge of the crèche, any queries please contact her on XXX.

DISABILITY SUPPORT Amalia is our mobility liaison person and you can call her on XXX if you need any help.

ACCOMMODATION For hostel and free accommodation (sofas and floors) queries please contact Julia on XXX.

BOOKSHOP The bookshop will be on Level 1 at the bottom of the stairs. It will be open during breaks, and before and after the sessions start. It will close after the second set of sessions on Sunday.

INFORMATION For any other queries related to Socialism 2017, please contact the registration stall. This is located on Level 3. You can also contact Socialism organiser Sarah Sachs-Eldridge on XXX and chief steward Ian Pattison on XXX. On Sunday morning 10am-12noon, contact Tom Baldwin on XXX. Phone numbers available on the day.

POSTER EXHIBITION & SALE There will also be poster exhibition and sale on Level 1 with various contributors.

STALLS There will be stalls with information about the Socialist Party and more in the entrance area on Level 1. On Sunday Socialist Party branches will set up stalls on Level 3 selling merchandise to raise money for the fighting fund.



On Sunday 12noon - 12.45 there will be readings by renowned socialist writers **MEENA KANDASAMY** and **EDWARD WILSON**. This will take place in Clarke Hall on the 3rd floor

PETER TAAFFE, general secretary of the Socialist Party, will introduce his new book, *From Militant to the Socialist Party*, at the event's bookshop

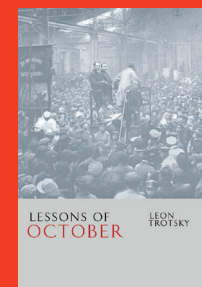
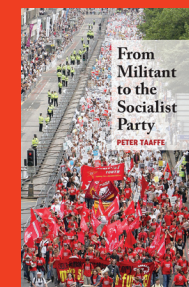
SATURDAY 2pm AT THE EVENT'S BOOKSHOP

This book is a priceless contribution to socialist history which spans 1995 to 2007 and explains the Blairite takeover of Labour and the processes which brought us to the world economic crisis whose impact still dominates politics today.

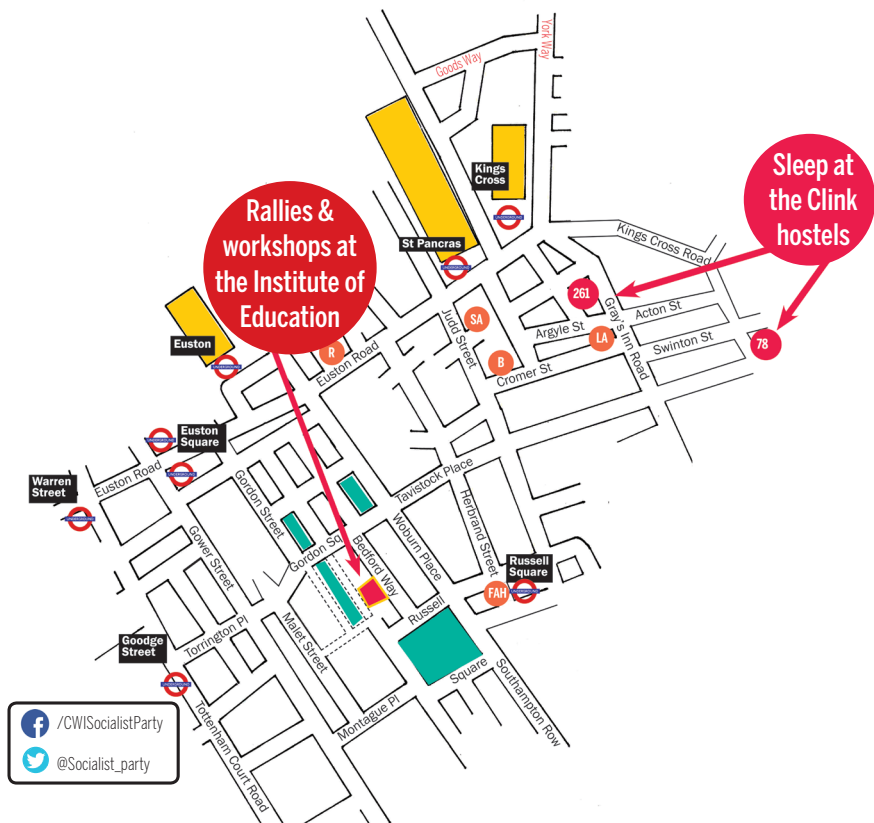
JUDY BEISHON, who wrote the introduction to Socialist Books' new edition of Trotsky's important work *Lessons of October* will introduce it at **SATURDAY 5-5.30pm AT THE EVENT'S BOOKSHOP**



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Debates
include: WHAT IS
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a weekend of
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SOCIALISM 2017

in central
London
on 11&12
November

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