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SOCIALISM AND THE STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION TODAY

SMASH RACISM, SMASH CAPITALISM!



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Black History Month is a time to commemorate and learn the lessons of the history of the struggles for black liberation. But in 2018, the struggles of black people in Britain are as real and present as ever. A report published in October 2018 by the LSE found that black people are nearly nine times more likely to be stopped and searched by police than white people. Racism at work, racist violence, racist police and racist immigration laws are all ever present in 2018 in Britain.

Years of cuts, austerity, and an all-out assault on the conditions of working class people have found black and Asian workers at the sharp end of these attacks. The Tories' very own race disparity audit published in 2017 demonstrated the effects of racism in housing, jobs, and education.

Given the track record of successive Tory and New Labour governments, it's no surprise that these are the conditions facing black and Asian people in Britain today. The Tories pursue the age old tactic of divide and rule – doing everything in their power to sew division amongst working people to prevent a common and united struggle against their system of capitalism. The Windrush scandal earlier this year, along with Theresa May's 'hostile environment', prove this.

That's because capitalism is a system built on the exploitation of working class people, and creates and perpetuates racist division to maintain its rule.

“You can't have capitalism without racism”

These were the conclusions drawn by the likes of Malcolm X, Fred Hampton, and the Black Panthers - all giants of the black liberation movement - over 50 years ago. Malcolm X's immortal quote, 'you can't have capitalism without racism', was not only a condemnation of the system of capitalism, but was a recognition of the necessity to link the struggles against racism and poverty with the struggle for a new socialist society.

In a time of endless austerity, cuts to our education, and the housing crisis, the building of an anti-racist workers movement is more important than ever – to unite all working, oppressed, and young people in a common struggle. A united struggle for a programme of decent jobs all on a £10 an hour minimum wage, an end to austerity, a programme of mass council house building would improve the lives of not only millions of black and Asian people, but working class people as a whole.

Fight against racism - fight for socialism!

But as Malcolm X argued over 50 years ago, the fight for a society free from racism, and all oppressions, has to be a fight for a new kind of society. Come to this meeting hosted by Socialist Students to discuss the ideas of Malcolm X, Fred Hampton and other revolutionaries and how we link the fight against racism to the fight to transform society along socialist lines.