

FIGHT FOR YOUNG WORKERS RIGHTS



the minimum wage is even more appalling. The rate for 18-21 year olds is now £4.60 and the rate for 16 and 17 year olds has went up by 10p to £3.40.

These shortcomings are not mistakes on the Assembly's part. Rather they are part of a conscious policy to put the interests of big business in front of the interests of workers and young people.

Socialist Youth believes that now, perhaps more than ever, it is necessary to organise a fightback against the neo-liberal attacks being made on workers and young people. We are an active campaigning organisation - a fightback against all forms of discrimination, sectarianism and exploitation and for a democratically run socialist alternative to the neo-liberal attacks of the Assembly parties. Get involved, join the fightback today! Join Socialist Youth!

For the majority of young people in Northern Ireland life is getting more difficult rather than easier.

Despite forecasts in the past of a 'peace dividend', ordinary working class people and youth have seen little improvement in their daily lives, in fact the Assembly Executives' policies are set to make things worse.

Unemployment is becoming an increasing-ly likely prospect for many young people. For 18-24 year olds the rate of unemployment has increased by 4% to 11% in the last year alone. This adds to the difficulties facing young workers who often earn low levels of pay based on a discriminatory minimum wage. Last year saw a 3% rise in the minimum wage for workers aged 22 or over, bringing it to £5.52 despite an 11 year high of over 4% in the Retail Price Index of inflation. For younger workers

1968 youth in revolt

Day of discussion - Sat 21 June
Socialist Youth Offices, 13 Lombard St, Belfast

Guest speaker
CLARE DOYLE
author of 'France 1968 -
Month of Revolution' &
leading member of
Committee for a Workers'
International
Starts 1pm



Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movement
- lessons for youth today
Starts 3:30pm

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Socialist Youth is run by young people for young people. We are part of International Socialist Resistance which unites young socialists across the world. If you want to fight for a socialist future, then join us today.

The Socialist Solution to CAPITALIST CRISIS

Over 1 million people have been killed in the war in Iraq so far. A war costing nearly \$600 billion. Yet half the world's population cannot afford the basic necessities of life.

\$10 billion, a fraction of the money spent on war in Iraq, could eradicate malaria in Africa. The environment is destroyed to make more and more obscene profits for multinational companies. The system we live under is run in the interests of the rich rather than for the benefit of the rest of us. Now this system of the bosses is in crisis.

People & planet before profits!



In Northern Ireland the average politician earns over £45,000 a year. While the average worker's wage is only half that! So when the bosses profits are threatened who will begin to clash more and more with issues like young workers rights, low pay and the right to education, the events of May 1968 must be looked to again.

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Book Review

France 1968 - Month of Revolution,

reviewed by

Paddy

Meehan

This May will be

the 40th anniversary of the

revolutionary events in

France that shook capital-

ism to its very core.

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300 students occupy Manchester University

300 students at the University of Manchester occupied the Arthur Lewis Building on campus for several hours. The students were protesting against increasing fees and a decreasing quality of education.

Top-up fees are set to increase in October to £3,145. For some Vice-Chancellors this is not enough. They are campaigning for £10,000 a year fees from students!

Sarkozy, the right wing President of France, has talked of getting rid of the 'spirit of '68'. The lessons contained in France '68 - Month of Revolution will have huge importance, not only to the youth of France but across the world in the fight back against the capitalism - the system of exploitation.

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Delaney's - A victory for all workers

Dasa Kacova, a young migrant worker from Slovakia was sacked by Delaney's restaurant in Belfast city centre in January. Her crime was to wear a cardigan at work on a cold January day.

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