

**Mega profits for  
the rich**

**COST OF LIVING  
CRISIS FOR THE REST  
OF US!**

**FIGHT FOR A FUTURE FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE**

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1. Young people need to get organised to fight for a decent future - join and get involved in your trade union!
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3. End low pay. For trade union struggle for a real living wage of £15 an hour. Abolish youth rates!
4. Scrap zero hour contracts. End job insecurity
5. For a mass programme of socially useful and environmentally friendly job creation
6. Make the 1% pay for the crisis – for democratic public ownership of major industry and the banks to provide us with a future

**YOUTH FIGHT  
FOR JOBS**



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Following the misery of the coronavirus pandemic, a major cost-of-living crisis now looms over young people in Britain.

The current crisis is severely affecting all workers. Many are being forced this year to choose between heating or eating.

But the soaring cost of living will especially hit young workers, who overwhelmingly make up some of the most precarious sectors like retail, accommodation, and food services, with the use of zero-hours contracts and discriminatory youth rates of pay widespread.

We want independent and fulfilling lives of our own, but how can we move out of our family homes when rents are so high? How can we go to the places we want when petrol, or transport and bus fares, are simply unaffordable? After we graduate from university, how can we save for any kind of secure future when we're plagued by a lifetime of student loan repayments?

While the cost-of-living crisis makes life for us – the working-class majority – harder and harder, the likes of supermarket chains, housing companies, and the energy and fuel giants make record profits. We say that the massive wealth hoarded by the top companies should be used to provide a decent future for all workers and young people.

But the super-rich won't just give away their wealth when asked. After all, the

capitalist system we live in is based on the creation of profit for this wealthy minority. In order to make them pay up, the overwhelming working-class majority in society must come together as a mass movement to fight for decent jobs, pay and homes for all.

### We need to get organised to fight for our futures!

Workers who are organised in the trade union movement give a glimpse of the way forward. The trade union movement – with 6 million members organised in workplaces across the country – is potentially the most powerful vehicle for mass collective struggle against the super-rich and their defenders within the political establishment.

That's why around the country, more and more workers are turning to strike action to fight against cuts to their pay. In the Unite union alone, £25 million has been won for workers in pay rises over the first 100 days of Sharon Graham's leadership. Tanker drivers in Liverpool and Wincanton won 17% and 24% pay rises respectively after taking strike action. This isn't to mention the stand taken by JustEat couriers, bus and train drivers, university workers and others. These strikes prove – when workers stand together we can take on the bosses and win!

With the cost of living at its highest level in Britain since World War Two, the need for such a struggle has never been more critical for young people. But in order to take this path, young people

need to get organised as well. That's why its crucial young workers not only join but get involved in their trade union, and campaign for the action necessary to fight for our futures.

In some cases, this means fighting to set up a trade union branch in your workplace where one doesn't already exist. Amazon workers in New York have had a historic victory in successfully establishing an 'Amazon Labour Union' at their warehouse to take on Jeff Bezos, one of the wealthiest business owners on the planet.

The TUC – the body joining together all the trade unions in England and Wales – could play a vital role in fighting for young peoples' futures. Let's fight for a mass participation of young workers in the TUC demo on 18 June. Youth Fight for Jobs calls on the TUC to take action to involve the maximum number of young workers in this demonstration, to show our generation the full force of the trade union movement. This should be the first step in a campaign for decent jobs for all, funded by taking the wealth from the super-rich 1%, including through nationalisation of industry and the banks.

But under capitalism, the bosses will fight tooth and nail to win back anything taken from them. That's why we fight not just for a trade union-led struggle to improve our living standards in the here-and-now, but for a socialist society based on the planning of resources in society to ensure a good quality of life for all, for good.

### Get involved in our campaign!

Youth Fight for Jobs is a youth organisation fighting for good jobs for all, and to make the super-rich billionaires pay for this new crisis.

Youth Fight for Jobs was initially formed in 2009 in response to the rise of youth unemployment caused by the 2008 / 2009 financial crash, winning the support of 7 national trade unions and organising a Jarrow to London march for jobs. Today the need for a fight against youth unemployment and underemployment is huge.

We want young people to get involved with the campaign in your local area and help build local marches for jobs. If you're a trade unionist, can you help get support for the campaign from your trade union branch, youth body or any other forum? Visit the YFJ website to get involved with the campaign, and for resources such as model motions and letters.



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