

DIRECT**ACTION**

Industrial Workers of the World

An Injury To One - Is An Injury To All!

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY!

MAY DAY

May Day, the International Workers' Day, is for working class celebration and solidarity with our fellow workers throughout the world.

May Day began in 1886 following the brutal execution of four anarchists in Chicago for organising in the fight for the eight-hour day; it commemorates the organised working class using direct action in the struggle for a better world. Today, it's an opportunity for us to remember struggles fought and victories won; the perfect reminder that an injury to one is an injury to all.

The global pandemic has illustrated the greatness within humanity: acts of kindness, solidarity and mutual aid. Scenes of class solidarity, horizontal forms of organising within our communities, our streets and our homes have demonstrated that a better way is not only possible but essential. Self-organised working class co-operation must not be forgotten amidst the attacks now unfolding as capital regroups to protect its profits in its own selfish interests. As revolutionary syndicalists we must commit ourselves to the class war as the bosses' recession deepens; the battle is already raging with growing strikes and lengthening picket lines. The bosses have unleashed a further scramble for profits; price increases are forcing working class communities to choose between heating and eating as food bank demand spirals and political parties compete for poverty packages.

The wars currently raging both East and West have stoked the fires of imperialist agendas, demanding us to take sides in yet another war in which only workers fill the graves whilst the masters shelter in their estates, mansions and parliaments. The IWW maintains our opposition to all imperialist wars, demanding only that the guns be turned upon our real enemies. As a union created by and for workers, we must engage with all assemblies in opposition to the war in Ukraine; there is no validity in supporting Putin or NATO. Both imperialist forces are locked in their games to deflect from the real issues of concern as workers struggle for better wages, health care, the right to a home and enough food just to survive. Migrant workers and refugees are segregated into priorities only by the colour of their skin or ethnic origin as well as being used as a source of cheap labour. As revolutionary syndicalists, it is our belief that there should be no other war but class war!

The evidence of climate change is all around us, the increasing destruction of our planet is impacting directly on the daily lives of our whole class. The unwillingness of governments to face



head on this crisis of looming global disaster just proves that their only concern is profit, to perpetuate their greedy, illogical system.

Capitalism is ruining the planet, our livelihoods, threatening our very existence. The neoliberal idea of a New Green Deal of 'alternative ecologic transition' ignores the reality that the planet's resources are finite. Instead, it attempts to greenwash a system that's killing us all.

The climate emergency requires workers to organise globally and fight class war against the very interests that are causing it, the same interests responsible for the poverty and systemic racism suffered by those most socially and economically disadvantaged, with the least access to resources: communities of colour, immigrants, and low-income workers.

Grassroots and revolutionary unions are instrumental in organising a workers' based strategy to reduce the negative impact of industries that disproportionately affect working class communities, whom they defend and represent.

As we mark the 136th anniversary of the first May Day, it is vital that we continue that same struggle, to spread the ideas that first inspired those workers to found it, both inside and outside the workplace, in the communities we come from. The power of labour must be in the hands of the workers themselves, never diminished by reformist business unions, run by self-serving officials and the political fronts that control them.

Let's reclaim the spirit of May Day - Make every day an International Day of Solidarity and direct action!

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ONLINE FILM SCREENING: FRUITS OF LABOR



'Fruits of Labor' explores the life of Ashley, a Mexican-American teenager living in an agricultural town on the central coast of California, who dreams of graduating from high school and going to college.

But when ICE raids threaten her family, Ashley is forced to become the breadwinner, working days in the strawberry fields and nights at a food processing company.

Today immigrant farm workers make up an estimated 73% of agriculture workers in the United States, of which about between 50 and 70 percent are undocumented.

While precise data on youth farm workers does not exist, the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs estimates that there are approximately 500,000 to 800,000 farmworkers under the age of 18.

'Fruits of Labor' offers a new narrative about women workers that shows the nuances of how the global food system intersects with gender and family life.

There will also be a Q&A opportunity with film director.

The public hosting of this film is a great opportunity for grassroots, fighting unions to come together to hear first hand the challenges that agricultural workers face in front of climate change, institutionalised racism and capitalist exploitation; and explore ways of building class solidarity links and opportunities for workers organising within the chain of production.

This online event is created by Industrial Workers of the World (Ireland) as part of a series of events for Global May Day 2022. Tickets & Link available online on our **IWW Ireland** Facebook events page:.

You can find our more about **Global May Day** and how you can participate by clicking on the following link on:

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RACIST ATTACK ON BELFAST CULTURAL CENTRE

The Industrial Workers of the World stand in full solidarity with the Belfast Multi-cultural Association and all vulnerable groups that have been targeted in this latest racist attack on the Donegall Pass.

The BMCA works tirelessly to support Belfast's Muslim and migrant populations as well as building bridges between communities.

That they have been targeted for a second time is nothing short of evil.

Fifteen months ago racists burnt out the BMCA from their premises on the Donegall Pass in South Belfast. After massive public outcry nearly £72,000 was raised to assist the BMCA in their efforts to rebuild.

Work was only completed on the roof on Wednesday before the attack.

The streets surrounding the BMCA building are plastered in the most vile, fascist propaganda and the real world consequences of this are being felt again today. The IWW and all anti-fascists in Belfast must stand together against the increasingly violent actions of fascists and racists in our city.

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#migrantrightsareworkersrights
#sharetheisland #IWW
#NoRacistBorder

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If you have an issue, a story, a short news article or would like to advertise an event from your area then please remember to submit it to **Direct Action**.

If you take part in any workers solidarity actions at work, on picket lines or on the streets then consider writing or take some photographs to share for further support and solidarity.

Remember, Direct Action is printed and produced each month by volunteer labour of members. If you would like to help out then please get in touch, details below.

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WOBBLIES GET ACTIVE! CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA

IWW Members in each area meet each month to discuss, support and organise activity locally. If you would like to become active in your area then we urge you to please get in touch with your local organiser.

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