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• **A LIVELY MARCH** against Social Cleansing, Gentrification and Council cuts was held on 25th February, marching through the streets of Possil, Hamiltonhill, Westercommon, Ruchill, and passing the new Stockingfield Bridge before arriving at Wyndford.

At each stop along the way local folk talked of the problems facing their neighbourhood, from the campaign to re-open the Community Centre in Ruchill, to stopping the demolition of 600 flats in Wyndford.

Big protests in the City Centre are important, but local demos can have an even bigger impact. Check out Wyndford Residents Union, Scottish Tenants Organisation and Save Ruchill Community Centre on Facebook.

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, Friends of the Earth Scotland and Platform have worked with offshore oil and gas workers to build demands for a just energy transition.

These workers developed 10 demands covering issues like training and skills, safety at work, pay, job creation and public ownership.

We surveyed an additional 1092 offshore workers and over 90% of them agreed with the demands. The demands are also backed by trade unions and climate groups.

Workers made it clear that we cannot model offshore wind on the broken image of the oil industry.

A worker-led just transition would reinvest money in communities and share the benefits of our energy system fairly. We are losing out on revenue that could support households and public services, while private, polluting companies make huge profits.

Failure from politicians to properly plan and support the transition to renewables is leaving workers totally at the whim of oil and gas companies, and the planet to burn.

Workers are the people who have the best understanding of the challenges they face working offshore, and the barriers to an energy transition. We need to listen to them.



ANARCHIST CRITIC

IT IS NORMAL PRACTICE for the state to keep asking the people to make sacrifices,

Put up with low wages so that we can beat inflation and get the economy growing, accept a crumbling health service because there is not enough money until the economy grows.

We the ordinary people are the ones who are told to sacrifice ourselves in capitalism's continuous wars while the rich and powerful organisers and perpetrators of the war sit back and reap the benefits in blood soiled gold.

Always pie in the sky, for you and I, never a realisation of that imaginary time when the economy is super producing and all our ills are sorted. Our end of this arrangement is that we continue to struggle for a decent life while the rich get richer.

If we have to live a life of continuous sacrifice and struggle because of the economy, then screw the economy. To grow the economy translates into helping big corporate business to get bigger and richer at our expense. We are fed crumbs so that we can get on with growing the economy all to their advantage.

Why not put up with sacrifices to bring down this economic insanity and build society based on mutual aid, co-operation, freed from the poison of profit and one that sees to the needs of all our

people. Struggle for revolution rather than struggle to grow the economy under its present exploitative rules and structure.

Capitalism is continuous competition for markets and resources and that competition takes on an ugly and brutal form in wars. War is just a continuation of capitalist competition. Another aspect of capitalism when we, the ordinary people are asked to make the ultimate sacrifice.

There is a better way to organise our society, we should make that choice, sacrifice for capitalism, or sacrifice for revolution.

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WE ALL KNOW A MARION WALKER...

WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY on the 8th March, we remember Marion Walker, an audacious Glasgow woman who stood up to persecutors at the height of the witch-hunt mania in 1597.

At great risk to herself, she blew the whistle on the bogus trials taking place, and called out the most powerful men in the town, in particular John Cowper, would-be Witchfinder General.

In Scotland, five times as many executions were held for witchcraft per head than in Europe, and the then small town of Glasgow was the scene of some of the most notorious episodes.

Innocent people were strangled and burned at the stake, on the word of a tool of the religious establishment, Margaret Aitken, the 'Great Witch of Balwearie'. She had been denounced as a witch, in Fife, but had avoided execution by claiming she could identify other witches by looking in their eyes. King James VI and the Kirk thought they had a trump card in their 'War against Satan'.

But after many trials and witch burnings, people began to get suspicious. This led to the suggestion of taking the people the desperate Margaret Aitken had selected and dressing them in different clothes and presenting them in a separate order the following day. The game was a bogey when a completely mismatched set of people were condemned.

Margaret Aitken confessed, and pointed the finger at John Cowper. The ministers and magistrates did their best to hush up their involvement in many innocent deaths.

And here Marion Walker stepped up to the mark: she copied the confession and circulated it by hand throughout the town. The town presbytery threatened the 'branks', a medieval metal cage with a prong to stop the tongue. But Marion refused to back down and won the day.

One of many of Glasgow's unsung women heroes.

• Listen to the full story on BBC Sounds: BBC Radio Scotland podcast 'Witch Hunt' Episode 2.



'Ah'm No a Racist But...'

HOW OFTEN HAVE WE HEARD this said by working class people, and what do they mean by it?

When you talk to people who say this, they claim that refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, are treated better than they are. They say these foreigners turn up here - in OUR country and get the best of everything: free housing with all mod cons, all the food they can eat, and anything else they need, while the rest of us have no jobs, get messed about by the DWP, live in substandard houses and depend on Food Banks.

WHERE DO PEOPLE GET THESE IDEAS FROM?

They get them from poisonous right wing publications like the Sun and the Daily Mail - toilet paper that no self respecting working class person should even read never mind buy.

Come on folks: let's think about this for a minute.

Was it the immigrants that caused austerity and cuts to public services? Was it refugees that started wars that have reduced whole countries to rubble?

In other words our problems are caused by the people at the top, not the people at the bottom.

So in the future don't say 'Ah'm no a racist but...' BUT WHAT? There are no BUTS. Let's recover our working class solidarity, humanity and dignity and be proud to say:

'I AM NOT A RACIST'

• From a leaflet produced by **Castlemilk Against Austerity.**



REMEMBER THE DEMENTED Commissioner Charles Dreyfus, in the Pink Panther films?

He was played by Herbert Lom, an actor who fled his native Czechoslovakia when Hitler invaded, and arrived at Dover with his girlfriend, Didi.

Didi was jewish, and did not have the 'correct papers'. She was sent back back to Europe by 1939's equivalent of Suella Braverman.

Her subsequent death in a concentration camp haunted him for the rest of his life.

TARGETING THE POOR

A NEW DWP pilot threatening Universal Credit claimants with even more sanctions has just started in 60 jobcentres round Britain including 11 in Glasgow and area.

The DWP workers union the PCS has condemned the pilot scheme. The PCS say:

“From Monday 27th February the DWP starts a pilot to force thousands of Universal Credit claimants to compulsorily attend jobcentres 10 times over a 2-week period, which PCS believes could increase the risk of poverty and make it more difficult for people to claim benefits.”

“If the customers, who have been claimants for 13 weeks, fail to attend they could be sanctioned and risk losing their benefits, plunging often very vulnerable people deeper into poverty.”

Bonus for sanctions?

The DWP are offering a bonus “to recognise and reward jobcentre teams who furthest exceed their aspirational targets.”

The reward is a £250 voucher for each member of staff in the “best performing” jobcentres.

No explanation has been given of what “aspirational targets” consist of and whether they include getting people off benefits, sanctioning claimants or getting claimants into unsuitable



and insecure work.

The PCS union says:

“Our members will see through this pilot for what it is – a government hellbent on making it more difficult for people to claim benefits and which will increase the risk of poverty for those customers who fall foul of this pilot. Asking more customers to travel more often into jobcentres does nothing to help our staff or their workloads and does nothing to help the customers find the work that they need.”

Edinburgh Coalition Against Poverty said:

“This punitive scheme is an attack by the government and DWP bosses on claimants and on all working class people. The government clearly

aims to make claiming Universal Credit so difficult that people will be forced into low-paid insecure exploitative jobs – thus undermining all workers’ wages and conditions. Universal Credit sanctions are already soaring and this scheme will make it even worse.”

We urge claimants to organise and resist. Remember you have the right to be accompanied to all benefits appointments. Demonstrations at Jobcentres will show we won’t accept being plunged into destitution.“

We welcome the PCS union condemnation of the pilot and urge jobcentre workers not to co-operate with this punitive scheme.

The Glasgow area jobcentres involved in the pilot are: Barrhead, Castlemilk, Drumchapel, Glasgow City Central/Renfield Street, Govan, Laurieston, Newlands, Partick, Shettleston, Springburn, Partick Jobcentre.

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