

**No Tuition Fees ● Restore Grants  
Abolish Loans ● Write off the Debts**

# END STUDENT POVERTY

*Our education system is a disgrace. Like our hospitals, transport, and other key public services, New Labour's incessant privatisation frenzy means we're increasingly forced to pay more and get a lot less back. Now another year of students and staff are facing a nightmare of poverty, debt, cuts and ever deteriorating learning and working conditions.*

These days the biggest criteria for getting into further or higher education is how much you can afford to pay – not what you will contribute to society at the end of your course.

Just like other privatisations, the great education sell-off has brought out the profiteers. PFIs and partnerships with the private sector are simply an opportunity to line the pockets of consultants and private companies at the expense of good quality education and facilities.

Classes, lectures and libraries are crammed full as college and university authorities cut corners to compete with other institutions for funding opportunities.

Courses are increasingly profit led with colleges and universities relying on sufficient student take up to make them financially worth running. The result is crowded lessons on one hand and under subscribed courses cut without warning on the other.

Fast food companies are battling for catering contracts to supply canteens with poor quality food dressed up in fancy advertising at bumped up prices.

And while standards are deteriorating we're told there's no money. Yet millions of pounds of public funds have been found every year to prop up failed privatisation ventures. Billions of pounds have now been spent on the horrific, unjust and inhumane war. Only a fraction of this money would easily fund high quality public education.

Education should not come at a price. Last year a third of graduates had an average debt of over £10,000. At the same time graduate wages are falling and graduate jobs decreasing.

Many students are having to work their way through college just to keep their heads above water.

New students can now expect debts to soar to £17,000, and with tuition fees on top debts could rocket to £34,000 by the end of the decade. These plans will force thousands out of education.

Everyone should have the right to learn, regardless of background or ability. The Socialist Alliance will be campaigning in the colleges against New Labour's attacks on education. Why not get involved!



- **No introduction of Top Up Fees**
- **Immediate abolition of Student Loans with the cancellation of all existing debts**
- **Re-introduction of a universal student grant**
- **Free access to good quality childcare**

**STOP PRIVATISATION  
OF OUR EDUCATION**



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# PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT

*Our key pledges:*

- Tax the rich to fund public services
- Stop privatisation
- Renationalise the rail
- Defend council housing
- Free education for all
- Stop attacks on asylum seekers and fight racism
- Stop Bush and Blair's warmongering

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## Blair Out – Troops Out

- *End the occupation of Iraq*
- *Freedom for Palestine*

*It is increasingly clear to millions of people in Britain who opposed the war on Iraq led by Bush and Blair that they cannot rely on New Labour to carry out their wishes. Despite the biggest demonstrations in British history Blair took Britain into the war on the basis of lies and distortions.*

In the aftermath of the war, the occupation is bloody. It was a war to show that US imperialism can do what it likes with impunity.

With the failure to find any weapons of mass destruction and the crisis around the death of government scientist David Kelly even those who were misled by the government's lies into supporting the war are now questioning whether it was right.

Across the world, millions who suffer daily from the neo-liberal agenda of privatisation, deregulation and job insecurity have

taken action to defend themselves. So, we have seen the anti-capitalist protests from Seattle to Genoa. We have seen the growth of a huge worldwide movement of resistance to globalisation and war. We are in the midst of a rebirth of radical ideas and forms of organisation.

We believe that these huge movements have created the biggest audience for a new left alternative for generations.

Join us and help us build a real movement for socialist change out of these developments.

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