

# Young Socialist

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## Young workers, get organised to



# FIGHT LOW PAY

**Gordon Brown wants to cut the minimum wage in Northern Ireland from £5.52 an hour to £4.80 an hour. This is scandalous considering that many of the companies that pay minimum wage are big multinationals that are making huge profits.**

By Michelle Dempsey, SY Belfast

Socialist Youth have exposed a few of these companies including Domino's Pizza Ltd, who have secured an annual turnover of around £700million as a direct result of mass exploitation. Migrant workers unaware of their rights have been forced to work for nothing!

Companies such as Tesco's have a

high percentage of young people among their workforce. This is because they can pay someone under the age of 18 a lot less for doing the same work as someone over the age of 21. This is despite the fact Tesco made over £2.54 billion in profits last year.

Young apprentices are being forced to work for next to nothing under Reg Empey, Minister of Employment and Learning's new "Training for Success Plan" which requires Apprentices to be exempt from minimum wage even though they're required to be in employment.

We've seen the Classroom Assistants stand up and fight for better pay and

conditions, it's time that low paid workers across Northern Ireland follow their example and join the struggle against poverty pay.

The Socialist Youth Fight Back Campaign is demanding an £8 an hour minimum wage for all.

**Are you low-paid?  
Do you want to  
expose your boss?**

**Then contact us today!**

All calls will be treated in confidence so your boss will never find out who has supplied info on low pay or bad working conditions.

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# SMASH RACISM

Sickening racist stickers and leaflets have begun to appear in Belfast in recent weeks, which are designed to whip up racism and intimidate ethnic minorities particularly the Chinese community.

By Henry Wilson,  
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The stickers appear to be produced in Britain by small fascist groups who want to develop a base in Northern Ireland. Any attempts by fascist groups, even by a small number of individuals, to build a base must be actively opposed.

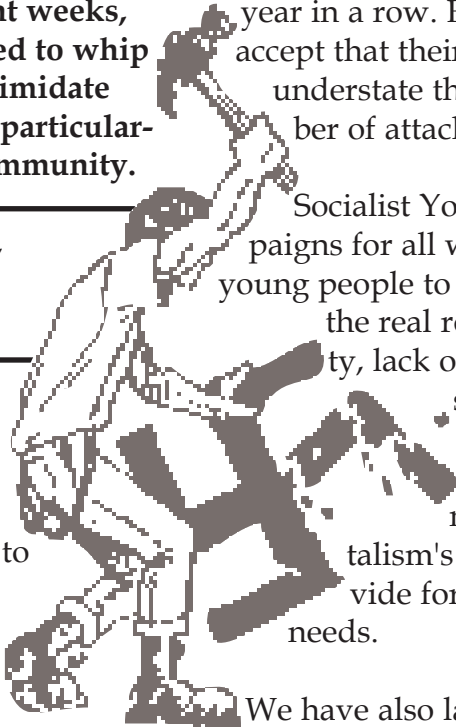
The distribution of racist material, which scapegoats immigrants for the social problems capitalism is responsible for, directly leads to physical attacks on ethnic minorities.

The number of racist attacks has increased for the fourth year in a row. Even the PSNI accept that their figures understate the actual number of attacks.

Socialist Youth campaigns for all workers and young people to unite to fight the real roots of poverty, lack of housing and services by building a socialist alternative to capitalism's failure to provide for people's needs.

We have also launched a sticker campaign to cover over racist material as an important step to combat attempts by fascists to organise in Northern Ireland.

If you see any racist stickers in your area, then contact Socialist Youth to order some stickers.



SY members leafleted workers and members of the public at the Antrim Rd Domino's Pizza. Everyone was angry that Domino's in England had paid minus wages to workers in England. Domino's response was to call the police!

## Support College lecturers

Lecturers in further & higher education in Northern Ireland have been engaged in a long-running dispute to secure equal pay. A more militant strategy by the union is needed to force the Minister for Employment & Learning Reg Empey to back down. All students should fully support the struggle of our ripped-off lecturers.

## Socialist Badges

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Socialist Youth is run by young people for young people, which fights against all forms of injustice. Capitalism is a system which cannot afford to give everyone a decent education, decent jobs or the guarantee of a clean environment. Only a tiny super-rich elite gain from capitalism which is based on exploiting the majority. 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.

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