

# **5 DEMANDS**

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# Foreword

The number five need not be synonymous with failure and lies. Working people can do better than Rishi Sunak's five priorities or Keir Starmer's five missions. And we must. Neither plan goes beyond the broken status quo that offers nothing but stress for millions, more war and onrushing environmental breakdown.

These five demands that you are holding are different. They offer a real alternative and hope for a better world. That's because they come from you, from our movements struggling for justice.

Political leaders should listen. No one person can have all the answers and nobody should spend their lives bossing other people about. When we listen to each other and come together, we are an incredibly powerful force for change. That's how history is made - and how we will make it again.

These five demands are tools to empower the working class, advance equality, protect the environment, and realise peace and human rights for all. They have emerged from the movements that are the wellspring of our collective strength.

These five demands are not tablets written in stone. They are the living demands of our movements. So please, take them, debate them, refine them, organise with them and win them.

In hope and solidarity,



**Jeremy Corbyn MP**

**Founder, Peace and Justice Project**

# Payrise For The Many

Pay in Britain is at the same level it was in 2005. This stagnation is unprecedented in our history. It means the benefits of the government bailouts and technological advances of recent years haven't gone to workers. Millions have had pay cuts year after year as inflation roars ahead.

But people are fighting back. Workers that have a trade union are demanding a fairer deal and other workers are organising to get unions to achieve better pay. We stand with workers and trade unions to demand a real pay rise for all.

We can turn our backs on decades of policies that hold back the many to line the pockets of the few. Instead, we can secure individual and collective freedom with richer lives if we:

- Increase the minimum wage to £15/hour;
- Give nurses, teachers and all public sector workers the pay rise they deserve;
- Ban zero-hours contracts;
- End the cruel benefit sanctions regime, replace Universal Credit;
- Free workers to organise at work for themselves and their colleagues by scrapping anti-trade union laws;
- Mandate reductions to the gender and racial pay gaps;
- Abolish tuition fees, bring back EMA and free school meals;
- Triple lock pensions and benefits and end pension age rises;
- Extend free childcare and paid parental leave;
- Expand four day week trials.



# Green New Deal With Public Ownership

As millions struggle to pay their energy bills, fossil fuel giants report record profits. Climate breakdown gathers pace with warm seas, melting ice and prolonged heat waves. We have already passed 1.5 degrees of warming.

The equation is simple: on one side, the profits of energy companies, banks and major investors; on the other, rising costs for consumers and a wrecked planet.

We can turn things around through a Green New Deal with democratic public ownership of energy, water, rail and mail. That will create good union jobs, bring down bills and rapidly decarbonise. There is so much to do:

- Become a clean energy world leader, with 100% of energy from clean sources with public ownership and strategic investment;
- Insulate our homes to create good jobs, reduce emissions and cut bills;
- Expand public transport and reduce fares by bringing trains and buses into public ownership;
- Remove climate criminals from the London Stock Exchange by changing the criteria companies must meet to include climate obligations;
- Green Bank of England and Treasury models so that every state policy is trained on our climate goals;
- Ban built in obsolescence to reduce unnecessary consumption;
- Measure all UK emissions, including on imports so we develop trade and industrial policies that don't offshore our environmental damage;
- Invest in green tech through a National Investment Bank and Regional Development Banks, with a public stake contributing to the People's Payout and transfer green tech to the Global South;
- Restore nature with a network of new National Parks to plant millions of trees to take carbon out of the atmosphere, increase biodiversity, restore species and habitats and allow us all to live closer to nature;
- Work with farmers, fishers, food producers to improve the soil, reduce waste and expand sustainable practices;
- Ensure our air quality is up to World Health Organisation standards;
- Invest in flood defences.

# Housing For All

The cost of housing is much too high. Rents have been out of control for years and now mortgage costs are surging after interest rates were unnecessarily pushed up by the Bank of England. Over a million families are on housing waiting lists and a quarter of a million don't have a home at all.

Homes shouldn't be a commodity. Housing is a human right. We all deserve decent, safe, warm and affordable places to call our own.

That's why tenants groups and housing activists all over the country are organising to bring down the cost and increase the quality of housing. We stand with them to demand:

- A rent freeze with regulation of fair rent levels by local councils;
- An end to no-fault evictions;
- An urgent mass council homebuilding programme;
- A mass home insulation programme to make homes warmer and reduce bills;
- Abolish the right to buy for good;
- A levy on second homes;
- A Housing Policy Bank capitalised with renters' deposits to invest in reducing the cost, improving the quality and environmental sustainability of our homes and communities.



# Tax The Rich To Save The NHS

Our NHS and all our public services are struggling. That's what happens after years of austerity and privatisation.

We're told time and again that there's no money for the services that give us freedom and make society more civilised. But they are wrong. There's plenty of money, it's just in the wrong places. Where has all the money gone? Into the pockets of the super rich. Since 2005, the wealth of British billionaires has increased over 400% in real terms. Your pay, the same; their wealth, skyrocketing.

We can give the services we all rely on the money they need by:

- Taxing wealth - tax income from wealth (capital gains and dividends) at the same rate as the income tax we all pay and an annual tax on the financial assets of multi millionaires;
- Taxing big business - stop multinationals moving their money between subsidiaries and tax them as a single entity, increase corporation tax to 28%, reduce their subsidies, institute a windfall tax on the super profits driving inflation and a windfall tax on oil companies;
- Tax finance - slow down speculation and incentivise long term investment with a financial transaction tax;
- Tackle tax dodging - boost transparency, go after tax dodging enablers and close loopholes;
- Tax the highest earners - increase income tax for the top 5% of earners;
- Tax valuable land and property - a new land value tax, a multiple properties tax and a levy on offshore purchases of UK property.

When we do, we can restore our NHS and crumbling public services to full health, reverse privatisation and build a National Care Service to support us all through old age.



# Welcome Refugees and a World Free From War

The number of people forcibly displaced around the world is the highest in human history. In the last decade, it has doubled to 110 million people.

As climate breakdown advances and war is chosen over peace, these tragic numbers are set to increase. And with that, politicians scapegoat these refugees - humans, just like us, seeking a place of safety - for an economic crisis they had no part in creating. Refugees deserve support and have so much to offer our society.

To defeat the siren calls of the hard right, we replace hostility with hospitality, support the national liberation of all and dismantle the war machine.

We demand:

- A humane migration system, which gives asylum seekers the right to work, healthcare and housing;
- Safe routes for refugees to reach a place of safety;
- Coordinated international action against the drivers of displacement;
- Pressure for peace talks to resolve all outstanding conflicts;
- Global nuclear disarmament;
- National liberation and self-determination for all peoples, including the Palestinians, West Papuans, Saharawis, Kurds, Kashmiris and Chagosians;
- An end to arms sales to human rights abusing regimes, including Israel and Saudi Arabia;
- Action to reduce small arms sales that fuel violence around the world, including in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Haiti;
- A War Powers Act to ensure that no prime minister can bypass Parliament to commit to conventional military action;
- A judge-led inquiry into our country's alleged complicity in rendition and torture, the operation of secret courts and crimes of colonialism.

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