

**International Socialist Movement
Meeting
1pm today**

Edinburgh City Chambers

Speakers: Frances Curran *convenor of the ISM*

Peter Hadden *Socialist Party Northern Ireland*

Niall Mullholland *Committee for a workers International*

The International Socialist Movement

The **International Socialist Movement** is the Marxist platform of the SSP. This platform was formerly Scottish Militant Labour, which was the main driving force behind the setting up of the SSP.



Throughout the 1990's SML was identified with the leadership of the anti poll tax campaign, Tommy Sheridan going to jail, occupations against council cuts and demonstrations against water privatisation. SML was an organisation of action. But in order to organise successful action you have to start with an analysis of what you are fighting, a discussion on the most effective way to organise the campaign and which slogans and demands to put forward which will attract support and build the action. Behind every successful initiative including the launch of the SSP lay much political discussion and analysis.

The ISM is a Marxist organisation, meaning that we use the method of Marx in explaining how society develops and his economic analysis of capitalism, to help explain what is happening in society today and how best we can advance the fight for socialism.

We in the ISM hope that through discussion and debate within the SSP that we can both bring the ideas of Marx to a new audience and that we can make a major contribution in developing the arguments of how to both carry through socialism in Scotland and in explaining how socialism can work in practice.

Join the ISM!

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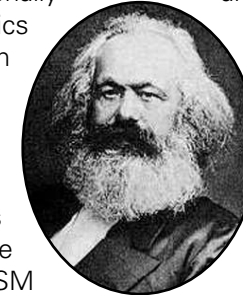
Marx

Karl Marx was voted the thinker of the millennium in a recent BBC poll. It is over 160 years since his death and in every generation since, working class people the poor and the oppressed have taken up his ideas as the basis of a fight for a better society. Our generation internationally are no different.

His ideas have influenced politics

From the shanty towns of Latin
Africa, his ideas have been

Those tens of thousands dem-
tle searching for an alternative to
their search by taking up the ideas
We are appealing to SSP members
about Marxism to come to the
you to attend the monthly local ISM



worldwide.

America to the townships of South
claimed by many people.

onstrating on the streets in Seat-
global capitalism could cut short
of Marx.

who would like to find out more
meeting today and we also invite
meeting in your area.

Committee for a Workers International

As we are well aware capitalism and its consequences exploitation and poverty are global. For socialists the only way to achieve socialism is through an international struggle. Solidarity with workers and oppressed peoples throughout the world is essential to fight global capitalism. The ISM is part of the Committee for a Workers International which has members in 35 countries. The CWI is a Marxist international which stands for the establishment of a mass workers international which can play a leading role in struggle against capitalism and imperialism.

Socialism

Every member of the SSP has a historic role to play in winning mass support throughout Scotland for a new type of society a socialist society.
As part of that struggle we have to put forward an explanation of how socialism would work.

How can we take over the major companies and banks in the economy, who will make the decisions about production, what is produced and how much is produced?

If we take the land into public ownership, who will decide on land use and how can we use the land to benefit the population as a whole?

How will we carry through environmental protection, who will oversee it?

What level of wages and benefits will we have?

At the moment all judges are appointed and come from the ruling class elite. There is one law for the rich and one for the poor. What would a socialist legal system be like.

Over the next few years these and many other questions will have to be answered. The ISM already has some answers to these questions, but within our branches we will be discussing all these and more to assist the development of a mass party made up of millions which is committed to overthrowing capitalism and the constructing of a socialist society