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The Way Forward Lies in the Fight for the Rights of All

The "Britain Is Broken" demonstration is taking place today, Saturday, November 5. The demonstration will involve working people from unions, community groups, charities and other organisations with a common aim of demanding an end to austerity, supporting the rights of all, including workers and their unions taking strike action in defence of their members' pay, terms and conditions, and calling for an end to this present government which has neither credibility nor legitimacy. This is a movement in which working people from all walks of life are participating, and confirms that the way forward for the working class and people's movements lies in the fight for the rights of all.

The demonstration comes at a time, not only when the workers' movement is finding its voice and taking action to demand *Enough is Enough!* but when there is widespread anger about the determination of the ruling elite to perpetuate the old crisis-ridden constitutional order, when something new is required and is the order of the day. A new constitutional order must be fought for, based on sovereignty being vested in the people, which is to say that arrangements must be brought into being so that people themselves are empowered to speak and act in their own name, and crucially make the decisions which affect their lives and how society is run. It is a time to do away with the old governmental arrangements which no longer function and are causing such damage to working people and to society as a whole. The governance of the rich for the rich and their global narrow private interests must be fought and brought to an end. The working class have a crucial role in this and can and must play its part in continuing its resistance, developing its own political line, programme and vantage point, and leading society out of this crisis of the worn-out capitalist system.

The old constitutional order is characterised by the obscene wealth measured in hundreds of millions of



the present Prime Minister and King Charles III. At the same time, the plight of the ordinary people is characterised by the soaring cost of living on items such as energy, rent, mortgage payments, housing and food and necessities, costs which are rising on a daily basis. Meanwhile private interests are causing the breakdown of social programmes such as health and education. This is going hand-in-hand with an unsustainable budget for war production and escalating military spending, which besides being dehumanising and destructive, is a major factor in despoiling the natural environment, and furthermore is creating a very dangerous situation of the prospect of a nuclear war globally.

The demands being put forward by today's demonstration are just. They reflect that working people are laying the claims for an economy and political system in which human beings are put at the centre of considerations. Root and branch reforms are required. The working class and people must lay claim to political power that at present lies with vested private interests, which the political arrangements perpetuate no matter what party forms the government. The people themselves must keep the initiative in their own hands and themselves constitute the force for peace and for a cohesive society which provides stable working and living conditions, and for a new world order based on the peoples' right to be and their concerns, with an outlook of proletarian internationalism.

The way forward lies in the fight for the rights of all!