

# UK public meetings: Hands off Syria!

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The US and Britain are intent on war against Syria in defiance of mass public opposition, which had forced the UK parliament to vote against an immediate attack.

The official reasons given for a military assault are a pack of unsubstantiated lies, a collection of pretexts aimed at justifying a policy that was planned long in advance.

Even while formally engaging in talks with Russian negotiators ostensibly aimed at forestalling a military attack, US officials announced they were directly arming and supplying the Islamist opposition inside Syria. Britain too is stepping up aid to the opposition forces that the Western powers and their allies in the Gulf states have financed, armed and trained as part of encouraging a sectarian war aimed at regime-change.

Their reckless actions, which threaten a wider military conflagration, can only be understood within the context of the geopolitical, economic and social crisis of American and European capitalism, and the world imperialist system as a whole.

If war and dictatorship are to be stopped, the working class and youth must fight back! The Socialist Equality Party calls for the organisation of demonstrations, rallies, teach-ins and other popular manifestations of anti-war sentiment against the war in Syria. These must be organised at workplaces, campuses and schools throughout the country.

The working class must be armed with an independent programme and perspective, based on the fight for equality and socialism. Come to one of the public meetings organised by the Socialist Equality Party and International Youth and Students for Social Equality to discuss and fight back against war and the destruction of democratic rights.

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 PM  
The Gumption Centre  
Glydegate  
BD5 0BQ

## **London**

Thursday, September 19, 7 PM  
Conway Hall (Bertrand Russell Room)  
25 Red Lion Square  
WC1R 4RL  
(nearest Tube: Holborn—about 3 minutes walk)

## **Manchester**

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 PM  
The International Society  
Room 1  
327 Oxford Road  
M13 9PG

## **Glasgow**

Wednesday, September 25, 7 PM  
Partick Burgh Hall (Room 9)  
Burgh Hall St  
G11 5LN

## **Bradford**

## **Liverpool**

OX1 1BX

Tuesday October 1, 7pm  
3 Abercromby Square  
University of Liverpool  
L7 7EE



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## **London**

Friday October 4, 6pm  
University of London Union (ULU) Room 2A  
Malet Street (nearest tubes - Goodge Street and Russell  
Square)  
WC1E 7HY

## **Sheffield**

Monday October 7, 7pm  
St Matthews Meeting Rooms  
Carver Street  
S1 4FE

## **Cambridge**

Friday October 18, 7pm  
Friends Meeting House  
12 Jesus Lane  
CB5 8BA

## **Oxford**

Tuesday, October 22, 7 PM  
Oxford Town Hall (Jury Room)  
St Aldate's