

# Emergency meeting January 27 on the crisis in Flint and Detroit

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*The Socialist Equality Party and International Youth and Students for Social Equality are calling a public meeting in Detroit, Michigan on January 27. Meeting details below.*

The working class of Michigan is under attack. Flint residents have been poisoned by lead from the city's water supply, with permanent and devastating consequences for thousands of children. In Detroit, thousands of teachers are holding "sickouts" to protest deplorable conditions in the city's public schools.

In both Flint and Detroit, workers confront the consequences of policies that have laid waste to social infrastructure. Both Democrats and Republicans, aided and abetted by the trade unions, are responsible. For four decades, deindustrialization and massive cuts to social programs have boosted corporate profits and the wealth of the financial elite, while trillions of dollars have been wasted in wars. The bankruptcy of Detroit, completed last year, has been utilized to restructure the city in the interests of the rich.

Workers must respond with their own strategy to unite all sections of the working class in a common struggle. Teachers, autoworkers, city workers and residents hit by utility shutoffs and decaying public services: All face the same crisis. It is not a white question or a black question, or a question of the suburbs vs. the city. It is a class question.

This pamphlet presents a selection from the record of the WSWs as the crisis unfolded.

The Socialist Equality Party and the International Youth and Students for Social Equality urge all workers to attend this meeting to discuss the necessary response to the ongoing emergency.

## **Meeting details:**

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

Wayne State University

Student Center, Hilberry Room C

5221 Gullen Mall, Detroit, Michigan

Map



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