

# mayday 2004

## protest against Shell

In the build up to the war in Iraq last year Shell and BP were amongst the many oil companies queuing up to profit out of the death and destruction. Last year ISR held a series of pickets at BP petrol stations around the country. This year we are highlighting the appalling record of Shell on environmental and human rights abuses in Nigeria and elsewhere. Many people have been killed and imprisoned in Nigeria for protesting against those issues. Shell worked closely with the military dictatorship which ruled Nigeria until 1999 and encouraged the suppression of human rights. Recent blunders by Shell bosses resulted in fallen share prices. To protect profits these blunders are being paid for by 1000 Nigerian workers being sacked. Ordinary Nigerians see none of the wealth reaped from their country by the oil industry. International Socialist Resistance demands



- ★ End the human rights abuses caused by big business profiteering
- ★ Nationalisation of the oil resources under democratic workers' control
- ★ For a socialist society that is planned according to the needs of people and environment and not that of big business.
- ★ end the occupation of Iraq
- ★ let the Iraqi people decide their own future

## Join the ISR protest

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## low pay NO WAY!

### A living wage for all young people now!

#### For an end to lower pay rates and exemptions

What ISR fights for

International Socialist Resistance (ISR) is an international anti-capitalist organisation run by and for young people. ISR is campaigning in Britain and internationally against employers that are exploiting young workers in sweatshops, paying poverty wages and unsafe working conditions.

We demand:

- ✪ The immediate introduction of the current trade unions minimum wage demands (such as UNISON's demand of £6 an hour) as a step towards £8.00 an hour.
- ✪ An immediate end to exemptions and lower rates of pay for young people.
- ✪ No to employment agencies that cream off huge percentages of workers' wages.
- ✪ The right to a job, training and free quality education.
- ✪ Scrap the New Deal for young people, job seekers allowance and welfare to work. For full benefits without compulsion.
- ✪ The right to free quality childcare for all.
- ✪ A fighting and democratic trade union movement which represents all workers, including agency and casual workers.

For a socialist alternative

Britain is the fourth richest country in the world. There is easily enough money for workers to be paid a living wage. Over £5 billion has already been spent on the war and occupation of Iraq. The gap between the rich and poor has never been greater. This is because we live under capitalism which always puts private profit before the needs of people. This system is run for greed, power and wealth by and for the few while the majority of people are forced to live in poverty. If this system can't afford to pay us a living wage, provide us with a decent education, affordable homes or give young people a decent future, we can't afford this system. We are fighting for a socialist society based on need and not profit which can abolish poverty pay and meet the needs of everyone. If you would like to get involved in our campaign, find out more etc, please get in touch and join us.

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what you can do to build the campaign against low pay in your area

★ get petitions against low pay filled in - we are aiming to get 5,000 signatures by June 4th to hand in to Downing Street to help build the campaign and show that people will not accept young people being paid poverty wages.

★ get in touch with ISR to find out if there are other people in your area who want to get involved and to get your name on the leaflet network list

★ do an action in your local town centre with a wall of shame so local low-pay employers can be named and shamed

★ join ISR on Mayday for the protests against Shell.

★ call 020 8558 7947 for petitions, leaflets, details of ISR groups in your area

JOIN ISR

I would like to join ISR £2 unwaged / £4 waged (please make cheques and postal orders payable to ISR.

Order a campaign pack (50p)

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