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Who are the Fifth Internationalists?

The League for the Fifth International is a revolutionary organisation. Our goal is to build a world party of socialist revolution, fighting across the world for an end to capitalism and for socialism. We base our programme ? From Protest to Power ? and our day to day policies on the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, on the revolutionary documents of the first four congresses of the Third International and the Transitional Programme of the Fourth International published in 1938.

The working class has had four previous working class international parties. We are not the Fifth International ? we are an international revolutionary tendency of groups fighting for it. The struggle against capitalism is an international struggle, as Marx wrote in 1848, the working class has no country. The fight against capitalism must be an international one, uniting socialists across the world in resistance to the system.

The League has sections in Austria, Brazil, Britain, Germany, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sweden and the USA. We have supporters in many other countries across the world. In Europe we campaign within the trade unions and social movements, uniting young people and workers across the continent. In Sri Lanka our comrades lead trade unions and have a long history of supporting the Tamils against the chauvinist government. In Pakistan our section was born in the pro democracy movement against dictatorship and now actively opposes the war on terror and supports trade union struggles against the endemic poverty.

We stand for working class independence and consistent revolutionary politics. Within the social movements which have emerged against capitalism, war and poverty the League for the Fifth International has argued for a clear socialist perspective. We support all progressive steps forward for the working class and oppressed people in their fight against capitalism and imperialism.

We work alongside REVOLUTION, the socialist youth movement, who organise young people in countries as diverse as the US and Nepal against capitalism.

If you are interested in joining the League please read our international programme From Resistance to Revolution (2010)

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