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Wednesday 12 October, 7.30 pm

Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL

LONDON: A CHANGING CITY



Large parts of the capital have been transformed in recent years, with changes too in political thinking. Is London still progressive?

Once a centre of manufacture, now only 2.2 per cent of London's workforce work in manufacturing, about a third of the level just 25 years ago – less than a third of the numbers working in financial services. No wonder London saw the lowest votes to leave the EU! Yet Britain is a country with huge potential for an industrial future. We do not have to be content with assembling products from elsewhere and bowing down before the City.

What role can the capital and its people play in building a new independent Britain?

Come and join the discussion. All welcome.

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ROBBED: AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF STUDENTS

Students pay dearly for their degrees. Squeezed between government penny-pinching and universities' determination to boost income which enables ludicrously high salaries for many vice-chancellors and senior administrators, a degree costs them a lifetime of debt.

Many potential students will miss out on a university place this year. One underlying reason is that universities prefer overseas students, who can pay up to four times the fees charged to British applicants.

The national total student debt is valued at £161 billion. Someone who graduated in 2021 and is earning £30,000 will repay £244 over the next year while accruing £976 in interest! Most graduates with loans taken out after 2012 will never pay them off – they will have to make repayments for 30 years until the debt is forgiven.

Heat or eat

When you hear that students can't afford to travel to their campus library, you know there is something deeply wrong. Thousands of students are already being forced to choose between heating and eating, and with this cost-of-living crisis it can only get worse.

The government needs to act, and the people must speak out. It is time to stop applying sticking plasters on the current marketised system – the profit-driven model is broken.

Britain needs a properly educated and highly skilled workforce. There needs to be a new vision for education, one that is fully funded and accessible for all.

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