

# CPBML/WORKERS PUBLIC MEETING, MANCHESTER

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Britons Protection, 50 Great Bridgewater Street, M1 5LE

## THE BETRAYAL OF BRITAIN'S HI-TECH



One by one, the jewels in Britain's hi-tech crown are being snapped up by foreign companies – threatening jobs, skills and the nation's potential for real independence.

The government invites the world's profiteers to come on in and take what they want of British technology companies. This is a betrayal of our technical sovereignty, which weakens prospects for progress.

Technology sovereignty brings crucial employment, and with it a highly skilled, interconnected, creative and productive working class – the kind of working class with the self-confidence and belief in the future that alone can take on capitalism and build socialism.

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.

Read the full article in this month's edition of *Workers* – or online at [www.cpbml.org.uk](http://www.cpbml.org.uk)

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