
London RSSF

Three Main Tasks

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1. BUILD BASES AMONG THE MASS OF STUDENTS

The first task for any revolutionary student is to build a base among the mass of progressive students at his college. This means involvement in the ongoing struggles at the college, the introduction of a clear revolutionary perspective into these struggles, and recruitment of new revolutionary cadres from the rank-and-file. London RSSF can give much practical support to these base-building efforts: material aid (production of leaflets, etc); provision of speakers for meetings (especially from our working-class contacts); study groups (for ideological training of new revolutionary cadres); the journal (REVOLUTION publishes base reports and can be used at the base as an agitator, propagandist and organizer).

2. UNITE ALL REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS IN THE LONDON AREA

Experience at LSE, Hornsey and other colleges shows that area groupings encompassing many colleges are needed. When students strike blows at capitalist and imperialist control of their colleges and the ruling class hits back with expulsions, sackings, grant cuts, injunctions and court cases, it becomes dramatically clear that the enemy of students is not just their local monopoly capitalists on the board of governors but the entire capitalist class, which uses education to shape society for its own purpose--the maximization of profits. Students in a single college cannot possibly defeat this enemy. London RSSF has the task of organizing all students for this struggle in the London area.

3. INTEGRATION WITH WORKING CLASS IS ORIENTATION FOR STUDENT MOVEMENT

But students alone, however well organized, cannot defeat the ruling class. Only the working class has that ability. Its vast numbers, its internal organization arising from the socialization of production under capitalism, its long history of struggle and its control over the levers of production (hence of profit) give this class uniquely the power to smash capitalist rule. If students are to win their own battle it will only be through integrating their struggle with that of the workers. London RSSF therefore has the task of relating students to workers and of facilitating working-class leadership of the student movement.
