

Our Aims

- To develop practical acts in solidarity with Greek working people.
- To support and celebrate the resistance by all those opposing austerity measures in Greece (with the exception of neo-nazi elements).
- To provide information on the situation in Greece including debunking the myths about the causes of the crisis.
- To defend Greece's democracy, sovereignty and independence and support the right of the Greek people to determine their own future free from oppressive external intervention.
- To circulate updates, maintain a website and Facebook page, and encourage conferences, discussions, lobbies, pickets, publications, media work, musical and cultural events.
- To encourage mutual contacts with Greece through delegations and solidarity links.
- To oppose attempts to weaken Greek trade unions and destroy collective bargaining.
- To work with solidarity organisations of Greeks resident in the UK and to link with similar anti-austerity campaigns across Europe.
- To oppose the growth and spread of neo-nazi violence, racism and fascism in Greece.
- To support and build activity around these objectives throughout Britain, with national and local government and elected representatives, with the TUC, trade unions, pensioners, students, faith groups, equality campaigns, cultural and political organisations, and social movement bodies.

Affiliation & Membership:

Join the Campaign, invite a GSC speaker, get your trade union or organisation to affiliate.

Follow events on Greece Solidarity Campaign website greesolidarity.org and Facebook www.facebook.com/GreeceSolidarityCampaign. Get involved.

Supporter: Free (tick to receive updates)

Affiliates: Individual Member (with voting rights): £12 Unwaged £6

Local Organisation: £24

National Organisation: £100

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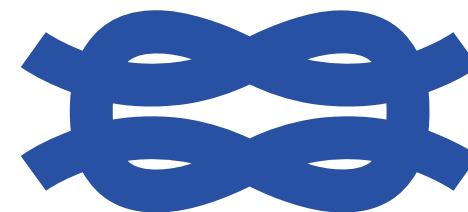
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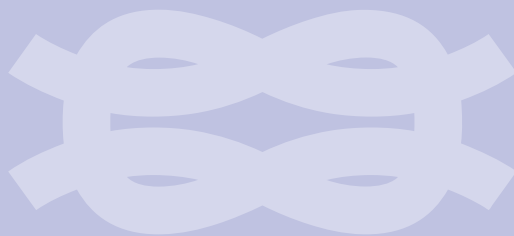
GREECE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

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www.greesolidarity.org

Following the Appeal for Solidarity with the People of Greece made by Tony Benn and signed by thousands across Britain and the world, the Greece Solidarity Campaign (GSC) was established in early 2012 and unanimously supported by the 2013 Trade Union Congress.



The crisis in Greece

Greece has been at the front line of austerity measures being introduced across Europe.

The European Union, the European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund insisted on extreme austerity measures in exchange for loans to bail out the Greek banks and then to pay back the loans with interest, leaving the Greeks with debts of billions.

This has driven the people into poverty and mass unemployment.

Between 2009 and the end of 2014 unemployment rose to 27%. Youth unemployment rose to 60%. 30% of businesses and 45% of hospitals closed. Wages were cut by 38%. Pensions were cut by 45%, with 100% increase in poverty and 250% increase in homes without electricity. Infant mortality increased by 14% between 2009 and 2012, the highest increase since World War Two.

The resistance

The Greek people have built a mass movement of resistance to these outrages, through occupations, demonstrations and general strikes.

On GSC delegations representatives of trade unions, the labour movement, health and anti-cuts campaigns from Britain have met radical Greek MPs, local mayors, trade unionists, hospital workers, teachers, students, social solidarity organisers and volunteers, the sacked women cleaners, and anti-fascist campaigners.

They have witnessed the devastating impact of austerity and the impressive resistance and social solidarity networks built to sustain the Greek people. Solidarity links have been established to strengthen our mutual fight to defeat the politics of austerity.

In January 2015 the people of Greece elected Europe's first anti austerity government. The combined forces of Europe's leaders, bankers and the IMF are intent on crushing this government and making it impossible to carry out their anti-austerity programme.

Our purpose

The Greece Solidarity Campaign (GSC) is an independent and non party political campaign, established to organise solidarity with the people resisting austerity in Greece.'

The election of a Syriza government in January 2015 has made European solidarity with the Greek people and defence of their democracy an urgent responsibility

The GSC is committed to building a movement of solidarity with the people of Greece, to demand a just settlement of the debt crisis, and to defend the anti- austerity government against those who demand austerity.

The humanitarian disaster created by austerity has led to GSC establishing a solidarity fund, Medical Aid for Greece (MAfG) for medical supplies and equipment for the social solidarity clinics across Greece. This is endorsed by the TUC.