



**NO TO THE MONARCHY
NO TO THE CORONATION
FREE JULIAN ASSANGE**



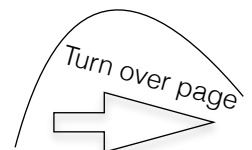
The Republican Labour Education Forum (RLEF) is calling on working people, trade unionists and socialists to join the protest against the Coronation of Charles Windsor.

**SATURDAY 6 MAY 2023
10am TRAFALGAR SQUARE**

Bring flags and colours of England's long struggle for democracy - Sea Green, Red and Violet - in celebration of the Levellers, Chartists and Suffragettes.

Of course, the Coronation is a shameful waste of £100 million. But His Majesty's Governments are notorious in wasting public money on vanity projects because they can. So spending millions on an entirely unnecessary Coronation is par for the course. The real issue is the absence of democracy, the lack of democratic accountability and the privileges of class, which this event celebrates.

The Commonwealth of England has to replace the institution of monarchy and the constitution that supports it. This is not about replacing a hereditary monarch with an elected 'King', like the Presidents of France, Russia or the United States. The country needs a fully democratic state to replace our broken, corrupt and failing state.



ABUSE OF CROWN POWER

The constitution of the Crown-In-Parliament gives massive power to the executive - Ministers and their Civil Servants - to deny people their rights and liberties. The treatment of Julian Assange and Shamima Begum are examples of how Crown power can be used.

Free Julian Assange

We condemn the cruel and unjust imprisonment of Julian Assange, without trial, in Belmarsh for the past four years. He has been victimised because of the subservient role of the Crown to the US and its foreign policy. We demand his immediate and unconditional release from His Majesty's Prison.

Restore Shamima Begum's citizenship

The Home Secretary, as a Minister of the Crown, took away all Begum's basic civil and human rights and made her stateless. The decision was underpinned by a racist attitude that she is not really British and has no right to be heard in a British court. We demand the immediate restoration of her full citizenship.

Democracy and the Commonwealth

The Crown is in a crisis and will add more abuses of power not end them, unless there is a mass democratic movement, which not only defends all its victims, but fights for the end of Crown power. We must win the working class movement to replace the Crown with an independent democratic parliament and a Commonwealth of England with a written constitution made by the people for the people.

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