

FOREWORD

This platform begins from the premise that the core causes of the climate emergency, social exclusion and the degradation of democratic institutions are capitalism, militarism and imperialism, an unholy trinity that has brought us to the precipice of tyranny and extinction. This is not a political opinion. It is a fact.

Unless we recognize that fact and act upon it fearlessly and urgently, human civilization is likely to collapse – perhaps within the lifetimes of our children. Those few who might survive among the rubble of civilizational collapse will be forced to subsist in a Hobbesian “state of nature:” a “war of all against all” in which life proves “solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.”

But none of these horrors are inevitable. Even at this late hour, humanity possesses ample means not only to preserve the livability of our planet, but to make our world a far more just, prosperous and equitable place than it has ever been. All that is lacking is the political will.

We ask that you join with us in a noble and vital endeavour to replace the current, failed system with eco-socialism. One person can accomplish little. Collectively, we can accomplish everything. Many will say that this ecosocialist platform is radical.

Some will say that it is too radical. But nothing is more radical than policies and practices which take us inexorably down the path of tyranny and extinction.

Measures that are needed to preserve our species, the health of our planet and the core elements of a just and democratic society are never “radical.”

Such measures simply accord with common sense and, above all, with basic human decency. The real radicals are those who are imperilling the future of our species and undermining democratic forms of governance.

The real radicals are the guardians of a suicidal status quo. We must oppose these radicals at every turn, and must do so with an unshakeable commitment to peace, principle and the preservation of Mother Earth.