

THINK SOCIALISM

A WEEKEND OF RADICAL IDEAS, DEBATE,
EDUCATION, MUSIC, FILM AND CULTURE.



REGISTRATION OPEN

The venue has limited capacity and demand is high. To secure a seat, please book at least two weeks ahead of the event.

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DEC 12 - 14 2025

UJ HOCKEY CLUB, MELVILLE

TICKETS: R200 *

(FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

***IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD THE PRICE, PLEASE WRITE TO [INFO@ZABALAZA4SOCIALISM.ORG.ZA](mailto:info@zabalaza4socialism.org.za)
WITH A MOTIVATION OF NO MORE THAN 200 WORDS.**

The Think Socialism festival, hosted by Zabalaza for Socialism (ZASO) is now only weeks away.

Think Socialism is a timely intervention in the fight against capitalism, imperialism, and reactionary politics. By addressing the multi-dimensional crises of our time, centring eco-socialist perspectives, and highlighting the land and national questions, the festival will help empower those who attend to help understand among other things how we can reclaim democracy, resist right-wing populism, and build an ecologically sustainable, just future.

With over 20 individual sessions that deal directly with the above and a side programme that deals specifically with culture it is set to be a major event on the socialist calendar this year. Comrades from around South Africa and internationally will be travelling to Johannesburg to join the event.

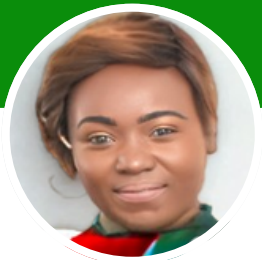
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SOME OF OUR MORE WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



ZARAH SULTANA

A former Labour Party UK and now part of the leadership from Your Party.



SEFU SANNI

A leading light from the newly formed Kenya's Left Alliance. She has become a leading voice from the recent protests and is a renowned singer.



JOSEPH CHOONARA

An academic and leading member from the Socialist Workers Party UK and centrally involved in Palestine Solidarity mobilisations.



LUANA ALVEZ

A socialist councillor from Sao Paulo, active in the Brazilian PISOL, attending via zoom.



JÚLIA LICHATE MAPUTO

From Maputo, Mozambique is a member of Alternativa, a left wing network of activists that emerged in 2023.



WILLIAM SHOKI

The editor of Africa Is Not a Country and founding member of ZASO.



NOOR NIEFTAGODIËN

A Historian at Wits University, active in the Palestinian solidarity space and founding member of ZASO.



TREVOR NGWANE

Leading socialist from the Socialist Group. His background involves worker education, a former city councillor, the Anti Privatisation Forum and, of late, an academic.



SALIM VALLY

An adult education specialist at UJ, a founding member of the Palestinian Solidarity Committee, and a member of ZASO.



VANESSA LUDWIG

Leading socialist feminist whose focus of work has included advocacy on land access for African women and food sovereignty. She is a member of ZASO



SIYABULELA MAMA

A water justice activist who leads the Nelson Mandela Water Crisis Committee and is a founding member of ZASO



PHILLIPA YAA VILLIERS

One of South Africa's leading poets, an activist and of late has become an academic teaching at Wits University.



MERCIA ANDREWS

The former President of SANGOCO, currently she works as the regional coordinator for the Rural Women's Assembly, she is a founding member of ZASO.



PATRICK BOND

Heads the Centre for Social Change at the University of Johannesburg. He is a highly respected Marxist author.



ZWELINZIMA VAVI

The General Secretary of the South African Federation of Trade Unions, a long-standing socialist and a member of ZASO.



BIRAN ASHLEY

The Director of the Alternative Information Development Centre; his own work focuses climate politics and economic policy and he is a founding member of ZASO.



THAMI HLUKWE

A leading community activist from the Black Consciousness Movement in Gauteng.



ASHWIN DESAI

A well-known socialist, academic and a prolific author based in Durban.



REHAD DESAI

One of South Africa's leading documentary filmmakers. He is a founding member of South Africa.



SEBEI MAMETLWE

A practicing lawyer and the President of General Workers Industrial Union of South Africa and is politically active in the Workers And Socialist Party.