

Dear comrades,

We are writing to request financial assistance with the printing and distribution of *Izwi Labasebenzi*

The forthcoming issue of *Izwi*,

paper of the Democratic Socialist Movement (DSM), will be the first issue to be published as the official organ of the Workers and Socialist Party (WASP), marking a milestone in the development of that party.

Izwi is dedicated to providing a Marxist analysis of events in South Africa and internationally. The upcoming issue is written and press ready but lacks funding. Uniquely it also offers four pages of Zulu translation to try and bring a Marxist analysis to the widest layer of the working class possible. The analysis of events provided by the DSM, and latterly WASP, has been extremely popular amongst working class activists. The 2014 election manifesto of WASP – “Only Socialism Means Freedom” – penned by the editorial team of

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has been praised by supporters and detractors of WASP alike as an excellent analysis of the ‘state of the nation’ and the clearest presentation of what a 21st

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entry socialism would look like.

Highlights in the upcoming issue include:

- An analysis of the ANC’s deepening post-election divisions leading to the possibility that Zuma might be forced to go and how.

- *Izwi* discusses Numsa’s proposal that the Freedom Charter should be debated as the programme of the United Front and how this could be used to assemble the forces for a mass workers party on a socialist programme only if the Charter is given a socialist overhaul.

- An analysis of the class basis of the Economic Freedom Fighters and the forces that have

catapulted it forward. Is the EFF a genuine force for the socialist transformation of society or a more “radical” approach, using the state and partial nationalisation to speed up the development of a black capitalist class? What are the contradictions at the core of the EFF?

- A question and answer on nationalisation, marking out the red herrings from the real deal of a genuine socialist nationalisation policy.

- Plus first-hand accounts of the metalworkers strike, the Tshwane University of Technology student strike and the on-going struggle of the Johannesburg street traders.

Whether you agree fully with WASP’s ideas or not, *Izwi* is essential reading for all activists and those on the left. But we need your support! A minimum run of 5,000 copies will cost R13,000 plus an additional R5,000 to distribute

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to the workplaces, townships and education institutions.

Any donation is of enormous help. We ask people to be generous and make a financial sacrifice to ensure the voice of *Izwi* can be heard.

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