

Stand Up To Racism – Get Involved! Turn the Tide

I won't lie – when on Monday morning 5th August a community activist dropped the list of far-right targets into a whatsapp chat with North Finchley listed, my stomach started churning and never stopped churning until the end of our counter protest that Wednesday evening.

Trades Council comrades, Barnet UNISON lead activists and very importantly Stand Up To Racism comrades contacted one another very quickly and began organizing. In spite of the fear and trepidation we believed we would feel even worse if Fascists thought they had a free run of North Finchley and that if only the police were there to stop them, it would feed a narrative, peddled by the far right, of “hard-done-by Brits” and so do nothing to deter more people from joining the ranks of the far right. **We needed to show one another and our community, we stand with one another and to show Fascists that they will always be opposed and they do not speak for us.**

An online meeting that evening attracted up to 100 activists. Everyone was very nervous but wanted to be involved in some shape or form. The WhatsApp group quickly grew to over 200. If everyone brought 10 people we would have a sizeable demo. Would they come?

Of course we now know they did. In the end **we were 3000 and there were thousands more involved in demos across the country.** The Fascists in the area were way outnumbered and, apart from 3 or 4, decided not to show themselves. I have never felt so proud and so relieved.

In the battle against racism or any battle, numbers count. Over the coming weeks there will be a number of protests, many of which are likely to be thought of as less “risky” as they are not directly confronting a far-right demo. **We urge you to please do something. When Fascists are isolated, their numbers diminish.**

Who wants to be on the losing side?

I know the overwhelming majority of our members are anti racist. The problem is, Fascists and their softer supporters don't know that unless they see it in demonstrable numbers and the events of the weekend tell us where that goes when Fascists feel unopposed.

We have potentially turned a corner, but we cannot stop now, and we cannot be complacent. No one else will do this for us.

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John vote YES for strike action



VOTE YES
Look out for your
BALLOT PAPER

X

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Make sure that you use your vote.

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We need you to contact us if you want to be a Pay Champion.
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If you are willing to drive up the vote where you work please let us know.

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Barnet UNISON National Pay Branch Meeting

Guest speaker to be confirmed.
Time: Sep 2, 2024 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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