

Unite Against Fascism - Manchester City United to stop the EDL.

Model Motion:

This union/branch/organisation notes:

1. The worrying announcement by the racist-fascist English Defence League (EDL) that they intend to rally in central Manchester on Saturday, 2nd March.
2. The EDL is a racist group dedicated to promoting hatred and intolerance in society. Their leadership includes hard-core fascists and BNP members.
3. While the EDL's main target has been Muslims, they have also attacked independent bookshops, trade union and May Day meetings and Occupy camps.
4. The welcome announcement by Unite Against Fascism to call a peaceful, Manchester-wide protest against the EDL - under the banner 'Unite Against Fascism - Manchester City United to stop the EDL' - on 2nd March.
5. That recent months have seen several successful mass mobilisations against the EDL in Tower Hamlets, Bristol, Edinburgh and Waltham Forest. These were successful because they were broad based and included trade unions, anti-racist organisations, faith and community groups.
- 6) The signatories to the UAF statement supporting the protest, including Manchester City Councillors, Trades Unionists and others.

This union/branch/organisation believes that:

1) The EDL's particular form of bigotry against Muslims is as unacceptable as any other form of racism. The EDL aims to create divisions in society by using diversity as a cause for hatred rather than celebration. There is no place for the EDL in Manchester's multiracial, multicultural and multi-faith community.

This union/branch/organisation resolves:

To support the UAF protest - 'Unite Against Fascism - Manchester City United to stop the EDL' - on 2nd March, by:

- a) adding our organisation's name to those of Councillors and Trades Unionists on the statement supporting the 'Unite Against Fascism - Manchester City United to stop the EDL' protest.
- b) Joining the UAF protest at Piccadilly Gardens from 11am on Saturday, 2nd March, and encouraging our members to join the protest.
- c) Taking UAF leaflets and materials for distribution to build support for the protest.
- d) Making a financial contribution towards the costs of the protest.

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