

Stop the EDL in Cambridge

*** This branch notes**

- that the racist English Defence League are planning to march in Cambridge on February 23rd
- that as well as being racist and Islamophobic, the EDL have recently attacked events held by UAF alongside trade unionists/Councillors in Brighton, Liverpool, Barking and Central London. They also attacked a meeting held in the Unite the Union offices in Liverpool and a PCS picket line in Bootle, and have threatened student protesters. In this way they are increasingly becoming a Fascist organisation aiming to drive those who stand in their way off the streets.
- the wonderful, inspiring and diverse celebration of unity which marginalised and humiliated the EDL in Cambridge in July 2011
- the more recent and very successful counter demonstrations against the EDL in Walthamstow, Bristol and Norwich organised by the local Trades Councils, community and faith groups and Unite Against Fascism, which united Trade Unionists with local Muslims.
- that this joint action has succeeded in preventing the EDL from marching in our City centres and has begun to seriously weaken EDL organisation.
- the pandering to racist arguments by governments across Europe, especially from the likes of Geert Wilders and Angela Merkels, and the attacks on multiculturalism emanating from our own government.

*** This branch believes**

- that the EDL is a racist, Islamophobic organisation made up of football thugs, hardened Nazis and hooligans.
- that with the EDL in decline, now is the time to further marginalise them.
- that we don't want the EDL marching in our City Centre.
- whilst the immediate threat of the BNP has been halted by the efforts of anti racists, we must keep organising at all levels against the toxic nature of EDL whose attempts to scapegoat minorities, especially Muslims, for the cuts must be resisted with all means at our disposal.
- Wherever the EDL marches unopposed, violence against Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Trade Unionists and other minorities follows.
- that racism divides workers and has no place within our movement.
- that as their Fascist intentions become clearer, Trade Unionists need to step up our efforts to oppose the EDL

*** This branch resolves to**

- support the march called by Cambridge Unite Against Fascism in Cambridge City Centre in defence of Unity and Diversity and against the racism of the EDL, and to attend it with banners
- to send leaflets to all affiliated branches urging members to attend this counter protest
- to donate *** to Cambridge UAF to help pay for the counter protest
- to affiliate to Unite Against Fascism.

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