

Oppose the EDL with workers' unity

The English Defence League are marching in Nottingham. This will be an attack on local Asian communities and a challenge to the unity of the Nottingham Labour movement.

The English Defence League (like the BNP) claims to be the voice of white working class people. They also claim not to be racists but just to be protesting against Islamic extremism.

However they have proved to be violent racists who threaten & attack Asian people. Their rise is linked to the economic crisis and the bankruptcy of both capitalism and the mainstream political parties.

The widespread racism in our society is now being exploited by the likes of the EDL and BNP. The government may act to contain organised racism, for now, using the police and through the courts.

But in 1930s Germany big businesses in crisis and threatened by a rising working class movement sponsored the Nazi Party to spread racial hatred and violence in order to divide the workers. We cannot rely on the state to protect us we need to be able to protect ourselves.

We call for working class action, uniting black and white, against both racism and reactionary religious fundamentalism.

Our class need to build a movement to drive back racists and fascists of all types.

The threat to white working class jobs and homes is not from immigrants, asylum seekers or our Muslim communities, but capitalism.

In the past Jewish and Afro- Caribbean immigrants were blamed for unemployment, the EDL and BNP now target Muslims as the cause of current problems.

The EDL are a physical threat to local Asian communities and will fuel rather than tackle fundamentalism.

They seek to divide our communities and our class and weaken us in the current struggle against cuts in services and jobs losses. The BNP have already set up a scab union to break strikes and attack trade unions.

We must oppose them physically and politically. It's not just an English or British problem but as international as the capitalist system. We say workers of the world unite to fight capitalism and all the forms of fascism and reaction that threaten our class.

That means fighting the likes of Le Pen's National Front in France and the Islamic fascists ruling Iran. It means a fight for independent working class politics and international solidarity.

Money and profits don't recognise borders and neither should we. Join us on to demonstrate your opposition to the bosses' crisis and the EDL's racist mob.

- **Black & White Unite & fight to defeat the racists and the bosses cuts**
- **No Borders, Jobs for All, Homes for All**

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PUBLIC MEETING

THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE THREAT FROM THE RIGHT

Tuesday 8 December, 7.30pm at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham

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