

Fight Racism and Fascism



STOP the BNP

The British National Party (BNP) uses elections to push its racist politics, while its members use their increased influence to organise violence against the Black and Asian community behind the scenes. The BNP may have changed into suits and ties but they haven't changed their spots, they are the same fascist thugs they always were. We have to counter their lies and stop them in their tracks.

- The government and big business are to blame for poverty, the crisis in our schools and NHS, and tax hikes - not refugees. Fight Labour's privatisation and welfare cuts!
- Don't let the BNP or other fascist organisations such as the National Front spread their lies and violence - No Platform for Fascism!

Revolution is a Socialist Youth Organisation. We are part of the anti-fascist movement in Britain, organising against the BNP to drive them back into the sewers. We also organise against the causes of racism, the poverty and despair of life under Capitalism. Get involved, and help us stop the hate.

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BNP = FASCISM

"This is just the beginning. Now that we have a foothold and people know that we are capable of winning they will come out and vote for us and the whole thing will just snowball. I think after the 2004 election, when all the seats are up for re-election, we will be the main opposition party." - Nick Griffin, leader of the British National Party (BNP) after May 1st 2003 council elections.

On May 1st the BNP made a breakthrough, tripling its number of council seats nationally to a total of 18. They stood in seats in many towns where they have never had a presence before, building new bases to spread their hate from. Now they are getting ready for May 2004, when most council seats are up for re-election due to boundary changes. We have a year to stop their snowball growing, and roll it back.

The BNP under Griffin has made a change in tactics over the last few years: get rid of the skinhead haircuts and put on suits...go canvassing for votes door to door, instead of organising demonstrations and seig heiling...play the "respectable" racists who are simply concerned about (white) people's poverty and problems...for now. But they haven't changed their spots. The organising core of the BNP are Nazis through and through, including Nick Griffin. The attacks on black people, immigrants and the left increase wherever they organise. When racists went on a rampage in Wrexham this June, beating up refugees and trashing their cars, the BNP rushed to the area in order to "represent" the rioters. The new found "respectability" of the BNP is a just a change of tactics - not a change of plan. Building a mass, fascist party in Britain is still the goal of the leaders of the BNP, elections and a moderate image are just the way they are going about it for the moment. They must be stopped.

Why are the BNP on the rise?

The tabloids - the Daily Mail, the Sun, the Express - have done the BNP a big favour, running front page story after story about bogus refugees and asylum cheats, and making racism respectable. But Labour is also to blame. Far from standing against this tide of ugly tabloid lies, Labour has played the race-card itself, scapegoating refugees and building detention centres to hold them, perpetuating the image that they are all criminals. Asian youth in Oldham and Bradford who defended their communities against marching BNP thugs have been imprisoned for years, while Home Secretary David Blunkett attacks immigrant communities for supposedly not assimilating fast enough. Most importantly, Labour is responsible for the poverty and despair that the fascists feed on. Labour has opened the door to the fascists.

It's up to us to drive the fascists out of office and back into the sewers. We must build a movement that allows the fascists no room to grow. Such a movement will have to fight in the trade union movement and the local working class areas against racism and Labour's poverty politics. It will also have to confront the fascists and drive them off the streets.

The BNP is tapping into a real anger over the way things are getting worse for working class people. But refugees aren't responsible for tax hikes, NHS waiting lists, pension cuts, unemployment, privatisation, poverty pay, the housing crisis, and everything else that's wrong with Britain - the government and big business are to blame. In order to make ever greater profits, the millionaires and billionaires that run the world demand that we sacrifice ever more. They downsize our life and then try to distract us with lies about refugees. Instead of fighting each other for the crumbs at their feet, we need to unite - Black, Asian and White - and overthrow their system. We need to create a Socialist society, based on need not greed.

Ultimately to get rid of the fascists once and for all means getting rid of the system of racism and poverty that gives birth to them again and again - Capitalism. What we need is a...

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