

**KEEP THE RACIST EDL OUT OF TOWER HAMLETS**  
Join the United East End counter-demonstration - Sunday 20th June 12.30pm  
Stepney Green Park marching to Altab Ali Park

# Jobs, Homes & Services Not Racism!



The racist and hooligan English Defence League (EDL) plan to "hit" Tower Hamlets on 20th June to stir up racism and division.

They have organised marches in different towns and cities over the last year against "militant Islam". While they claim to be non-racist, many of their protests have descended into violent racist and Islamophobic abuse and attacks. According to an investigation by the Guardian newspaper, they are now targeting Muslim communities specifically.

This invasion of Tower Hamlets is a huge provocation and will be rejected by the vast majority of the local population. Many local black and Asian people will understandably fear racist abuse and worse on the day.

But the risk of attacks is less likely, and the confidence of the local community to reject the EDL much greater, when there is a strong united demonstration against them.

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Read how the BNP was stopped in Tower Hamlets in the 1990s including:

- How Youth Connection, formed by uniting youth gangs, campaigned against the BNP and racist attacks.
- How the BNP were chased off Brick Lane
- How local people organised a whistle alarm defense campaign with the help of YRE to keep the BNP off our estates.

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### How Tower Hamlets beat the BNP in the 1990s

This is the first time for 17 years that any far-right organisation has dared to hold a public event in Tower Hamlets. That was the BNP, who were sent packing by a series of united demos of the local community and trade unions, which occupied the site of their 'paper sale' in Brick Lane. Youth against Racism in Europe (YRE – now linked with Youth Fight for Jobs) led that campaign alongside the local community.

We are not prepared to go back to those days, when a series of vicious racist attacks took place, including that on Qudus Ali, which only ended when the BNP were driven out of the borough.

### How we can stop the EDL today

We need a united demo which is well-stewarded to keep people who come to protest safe, and prevent police harassing and arresting local young people. This should be led by local trade union and community bodies, to show how outnumbered and marginalised the EDL are, and keep them out of the borough.

EDL are using anti-Islamic propaganda to try and spread racism and division amongst working class people. Many EDL organisers are not just racists but Nazis, who are against rights for women, LGBT people, trade unionists etc.

But their events attract a small layer of young people who are desperately angry at the conditions they face in life and frustrated that no political party listens to them or offers any answers to their problems.

Britain has been hit by the worst economic crisis since the 1930s. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs, tens of thousands have lost their homes. Youth unemployment is almost one million. Even Tower Hamlets council admits overcrowding in Tower Hamlets has gone back to levels not seen since the 1930s. People cannot get decent homes because of mass privatisation of council housing - carried out by Labour. Now the new Con-Dem government plans the most savage cuts in our public services ever – this means massively more job losses, and a huge hit on education, training schemes, pay, youth services, and much more. It means privatisation of schools, the Royal Mail, and more.

The people of Tower Hamlets - overwhelmingly working class and young - will need a united campaign to fight these cuts by the trade unions and community campaigns. The EDL and the BNP will actively try to divide opposition to cuts on the basis of race or religious identity. In order to mobilise the biggest and



## Youth Fight for Jobs

One in five young people are unemployed. Whilst the politicians look after the richest, young people and workers will have to organise together to protect ours. Youth Fight for Jobs is backed by six national trade unions and has organised demonstrations, national and local, to fight for our right to a future. See [www.youthfightforjobs.com](http://www.youthfightforjobs.com)

most effective opposition to the EDL we must also take up the broader cuts issue that faces the vast majority of people in this borough.

The demo in Tower Hamlets on 20th June should be around slogans such as "Jobs, Homes and Services – Not Racism" to help cut across any support the EDL may get locally.

The best way to fight racism and fascism is to get rid of the problems that breed them – unemployment, low pay, housing shortages, public service cuts. We can have no faith in any of the main political parties to do this. Young people and workers need to join together to fight for ourselves - join our campaign and fight for your future!

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