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## Stop the far-right!

- The continued growth of the far-right, racist British National Party (BNP) is a threat to working-class communities everywhere. Led by hardcore neo-Nazis, the BNP encourages racism and division - making it harder for local communities to unite and fight to defend local services, or campaign on issues like low pay and workers' rights.
- It is the main three parties and the media who are responsible for the rise of the BNP. Years of Tory attacks on public services, by first the Tories and then New Labour, have left education, health and housing in crisis. Support for all three main parties has been collapsing as people refuse to vote for privatisation and cuts in public services.

## New Labour whips up prejudice

- New Labour and the media (owned by the millionaire press barons) have whipped up prejudice against groups like asylum seekers, trying to blame them for the social problems and collapse in public services that have in fact been created by New Labour and Co.
- As the BNP's support began to grow Home Secretary Blunkett's response was to move even further to the right, encouraging the BNP by attacking refugees' rights, instead of reversing New Labour's Tory policies. No wonder Nick Griffin, leader of the BNP, called Blunkett 'the BNP's best recruiting sergeant'.
- There is no doubt that racist ideas and prejudice have been growing over the last few years, and the BNP have gained support as a result. However, many people are voting BNP not because of racism or support for neo-Nazi ideas, but because they are searching for an alternative to the main three parties.

## BNP have no solutions

- BNP councillors have failed to fight against cuts in public services. In Stoke-on-Trent BNP councillors voted with Labour, Liberals and the Tories for an above-inflation rise in council tax. In Burnley last year BNP councillors didn't even turn up to the council meeting where Labour was pushing through £1 million worth of cuts in local services and a steep rise in council tax. In Halifax BNP councillors failed to oppose the closure of the only local primary school in the area one of them represents.
- But it isn't just the BNP that is a threat. The UK Independence Party (UKIP) has also been running a right-wing scare campaign, attacking the main parties but offering no solutions.

## There is an alternative

- Youth against Racism in Europe opposes all racism and prejudice. We are campaigning to stop the growth of the far right, and to offer a positive alternative to the main three parties.
- Instead of allowing the government and the media to divide people, we should be campaigning together on the issues that unite us: against low pay, top-up fees, cuts in services and privatisation; for free education, a living wage, proper investment in public services and affordable housing for all.
- Racism, prejudice and the far-right are only able to grow because we live in a class society where the rich and powerful exploit the rest of us for profit. YRE is campaigning for a society run democratically for need and not for profit, where poverty and want can be abolished. Join us!

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