

Motion:

Demonstrate against the Fascist BNP's "Red, White and Blue Festival"

This branch/trades council notes:

- The election of BNP member Richard Barnbrook to the Greater London Assembly;
- That the BNP had a net increase of 10 councillors elected at the May 2008 local elections;
- That the BNP has a firmer toe-hold in places like Barnsley where they came second in 7 wards;
- The BNP's use of community-based activism, local organisation and the way they relate their racist politics to issues like the crisis in housing, the NHS and education.

This branch/trades council believes:

- That the BNP is a fascist organisation with historical and contemporary links to open Nazis, Combat 18, American White Supremacists, anti-Semites and Holocaust deniers;
- That local BNP organisation goes hand-in-hand with a rise in racially motivated attacks, assaults and injury;
- The BNP pose a physical threat to anti-fascists, trade unionists and campaigners;
- That campaigns against the BNP should address both the physical threat posed and the political terrain contested by the BNP.

This branch/trades council further notes:

- That the BNP's annual "Red, White and Blue Festival" is due to take place from August 15th-17th in the village of Codnor, Derbyshire;
- That in previous years this event has proceeded with either small-scale or token opposition;
- The call made by a local, trade union backed anti-fascist conference on January 19th to mobilise against the "Festival"; the efforts of the "Nottinghamshire Stop the BNP" and "Derby Unite Against Fascism" campaigns to organise a national mobilisation against the "Festival" on August 16th 2008.
- That this call for a national demo has been taken up by the UAF (Unite Against Fascism) campaign.

This branch/trades council resolves to:

- Sponsor the demonstration on August 16th in Derbyshire and donate £..... (*£50 suggested for individual Trades Councils and branches/ Regional and national organisations £200*) to the campaign;
- Advertise the demonstration to membership/affiliates;
- Encourages affiliates to organise transport to the demonstration.

For details on to whom and how to send money contact nobnpfestival@riseup.net