

Stand Up To Racism Scotland



APPEAL TO SUPPORTERS

Dear Sister/ Brother,

We are writing to thank you for your support for Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) Scotland's campaign activities and to inform you of our planned activities in 2019.

Emboldened by Donald Trump, far right parties have made electoral gains throughout Europe and beyond. Both here and abroad, there has been a worrying rise in racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. In Britain, there has been a serious attempt by fascist "Tommy Robinson" and other far right figures to build the racist Football Lads Alliance (FLA) street movement.

In 2018, SUTR Scotland

- organised the successful UN Anti Racism Day march and rally against racism and fascism
- with SUTR student groups, took valuable solidarity to Calais
- organised protests against SERCO's threats to evict asylum seekers in Glasgow, a series of racist attacks in Edinburgh and, most recently, against a fascist group in Dundee
- leafleted football grounds around Scotland warning of the dangers of the racist FLA
- sent delegation to London in November to join the massive 40,000-strong TUC supported SUTR/ Unite against Fascism demo

To help build on this, and develop a stronger united movement against racism and fascism, we are holding a one-day conference on Saturday 2 February. This will highlight the fight for justice for Sheku Bayoh, the international growth of the far right, refugee and migrant workers' rights, tackling racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

The conference will take place in Glasgow City UNISON office, 84 Bell Street, Glasgow (12-5pm, tickets £10 waged, £5 low/ unwaged, free for refugees and asylum seekers).

On Saturday 16 March international protests will take place, coinciding with UN Anti Racism Day. From SUTR International Conference in October 2018 it was clear that this is set to be the largest



SUTR contingent on the 2018 St Andrew's Day anti-racist march

coordinated international protests around this day we have seen yet.

The demonstration through Glasgow city centre will take place two weeks before Brexit. As a broad based campaign against racism and fascism, we say that whether Leave or Remain we need to unite to oppose Theresa May's "hostile environment". On 9 December Robinson's "Brexit Betrayal" march was, crucially, met with a united protest that outnumbered the fascist's attempt to capitalise on Theresa May's crisis over her Brexit two to one.

To enable Stand Up To Racism Scotland to carry on our campaigning work, we would be grateful if you or your organisation could

- add your name the list of individuals and organisations that are supporting SUTR Scotland's 2 Feb conference and 16 March demonstration. We are also working with Love Music Hate Racism and gig promoters to hold a large anti-racist music event on the evening of 16 March.
- if possible, we encourage you to make a donation to SUTR Scotland's financial appeal. We need to raise £5,000 to ensure these events are well organised, well publicised and are a success.

We hope that we will have your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you would like any more information.

In solidarity

Talat Ahmed, Stand Up To Racism Scotland