

STAND UP TO RACISM AND FASCISM

No to scapegoating immigrants
No to Islamophobia
Yes to diversity

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SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2014

11am, Central London, details tbc

Rally and demonstration marking UN Anti-Racism Day



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A day of action has been called across Europe to coincide with the marking of UN Anti-Racism Day in 2014, with eyes on the European elections in May.

Already in most European countries parties of the right, centre and even the traditional left are allowing the terrain of these elections to be dominated by racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and the scapegoating of minorities – immigrants, Roma, Black and Asian communities.

Across Europe the fascist and populist racist right are on the rise. From the violent Golden Dawn in Greece, the anti-Roma Jobbik in Hungary, the Islamophobic Freedom Party in the Netherlands to the success of the Front National in France. These currents are encouraging hatred, fear and prejudice in a frightening wave across the continent.

In Britain the far right is hoping for gains in the Euro elections. The British National Party (BNP) is seeking the re-election of Nick Griffin in the North West and Andrew Brons is seeking re-election in Yorkshire and the Humber. UKIP is promoting a “Little Englander”, anti-foreign anti-Europe mentality and mainstream political parties are conceding to this agenda. Hostility is already being whipped up against Romanian and Bulgarian migrant workers.

While there is a real threat that openly racist parties may gain seats in the 2014 Euro elections, this can be prevented by the widest possible unity against them and the mobilisation of progressive forces.

We have initiated this call for a demonstration and rally in London on Saturday 22 March. We call on those of goodwill to join us in a riposte to the rise of racism, to show that migrants are welcome and demonstrate our confidence in a future free of fascism, scapegoating and hatred.