

NEWCASTLE UNITES

No to Racism, No to Fascism, No to Islamophobia

**No to the racist EDL in Newcastle
Saturday 24th September**



**Assembling 1pm at the
Blue Carpet, in front of the Laing Gallery,
New Bridge Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AN**



Racist and fascists are once again aiming to descend on Newcastle with their message of hate and division. This time the EDL and North East Infidels are cynically exploiting the victims of crime in an attempt to stir up racism and division.

This is the vilest hypocrisy. The EDL are no strangers to crime: wherever they get away with their marches, violence follows. Members of these far right groups have convictions for race hate crimes, threats and intimidation and paedophilia.

These are challenging times and we all face a variety of problems. We believe, however, that looking for scapegoats and promoting intolerance offer no solutions whatsoever. Migrant workers, immigrants, asylum seekers and members of any one faith are not responsible for financial crisis, hardship, cuts and unemployment.

The north-east has a well deserved reputation for solidarity and social cohesion. We pride ourselves on the diversity of our communities and our mixed heritages.

The antics of the EDL will besmirch the name of our City and the north east. We believe that the EDL must be stopped from spreading their message of intolerance.

In the event of the EDL's provocative event going ahead we are committed to supporting a vibrant, peaceful, multi-cultural and multi-faith counter-demonstration involving people from the widest possible backgrounds and communities.

The aim of our protest would be to send out a clear and simple message: the EDL is not wanted in Newcastle, the north east or anywhere else. We must all stand together in unity in the face of Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and all forms of racism and fascism.

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