

National Convention

Celebrate **diversity**

Defend **multiculturalism**

Oppose **Islamophobia** and **racism!**

A one-day national convention bringing together a broad alliance celebrating diversity, rejecting Islamophobia and fascism

Saturday 15 October

9.30–5pm, TUC Conference Centre,
Great Russell St, London WC1B 3LS

Speakers include:

Jack Dromey MP • **Helen Goodman MP** • **Peter Hain MP** • **Claude Moraes MEP** • **Jean Lambert MEP** • **Farooq Murad**, Secretary General, Muslim Council of Britain • **Edie Friedman**, Executive Director, Jewish Council for Racial Equality • **Michelle Stanistreet**, NUJ General Secretary • **Hugh Lanning**, Dep Gen Secretary, PCS • **Steve Hart**, Political Director, Unite the Union • **Megan Dobney**, Regional Secretary SERTUC • **Zita Holbourne**, PCS NEC • **Bob Lambert**, co-Director, European Muslim Research Centre • **Jody McIntyre**, Journalist • **Peter Osborne**, Journalist • **Dilowar Khan**, Director, London Muslim Centre • **Alaa' Samarraï**, VP Student Affairs, Federation of Student Islamic Societies (FOSIS) • **Kanja Sesay**, NUS Black Students' Officer • **Nitin Sawney**, Musician • **Sabby Dhalu**, Secretary, One Society Many Cultures • **Denis Fernando**, Lesbian and Gay Coalition Against Racism • **Weyman Bennett**, Joint National Secretary, Unite Against Fascism • **Martin Smith**, National Co-ordinator, Love Music Hate Racism

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Why we are backing the conference

Billy Hayes General Secretary, Communication Workers Union

Britain's diversity offers many social, cultural and economic benefits. We must assert that we are one society with many cultures. This important event will be an opportunity to unite trade unions, faith and other communities to celebrate our multicultural heritage and oppose racism, Islamophobia and hatred.

Edie Friedman Executive Director, Jewish Council for Racial Equality

Britain has a proud tradition of being a haven for those fleeing persecution, tyranny and fear. We must protect that right to refuge. This timely event will celebrate the positive contribution we all make to society.

Farooq Murad Secretary General, Muslim Council of Britain

Sadly, Islamophobia is an undeniable reality in our society. It is culminating in Mosques being attacked, Muslims being vilified in the media, hatred and violence being encouraged. We are committed to fight this by working with people from all walks of life. We need to celebrate diversity and promote understanding to create a just and cohesive Britain.

Michael Rosen poet and playwright

The far-right think that they can rustle up enough bullies and thugs to threaten the peace and security of Muslims. We can't rely on the government doing anything about this. In fact, we've come to expect the opposite: they either keep suspiciously silent, or even worse: deliver speeches full of aggressive and prejudiced talk towards Muslim people. We need trade unionists and activists to come together to keep our streets and lives free of this danger so I welcome this conference on October 15.

Professor Danny Dorling University of Sheffield

When governments run out of good arguments to explain why their policies are hurting

people they look for scapegoats. Suggesting that multiculturalism is a problem is just one way of trying to hide the fact that the rich are getting richer whilst most peoples' living standards are falling.

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