



University of Bradford Union of Students

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UBU Motion Against Racist Political Parties

This Union Notes

1. That this Union has a history of clear, principled policy against the BNP, and against racism and discrimination.
2. That the BNP now has 48 seats, as a result of the 2006 local government elections, with the biggest gains in the London area. This is an increase from just 17 in 2003.
3. That the BNP took 9.2% of the vote in Keighley in the 2005 General Election.
4. The BNP promote racism and violent attacks in the communities where they are active. In 1993 when a BNP councillor, Derek Simpson, was elected in Tower Hamlets, London, racist attacks increased by 300% in six months.
5. The leader of the BNP, Nick Griffin has publicly declared his ambitions for an "All White Britain", whilst their Youth Officer Mark Collett (formerly of Leeds Uni) has published materials outlining how the BNP can get involved in NUS, by encouraging their members to run as Sabbatical Officers, take over clubs and societies and go to NUS conference.
6. Unite Against Fascism is a broad national campaign formed to defeat the BNP, uniting trade unions, anti-racists, anti-fascists, MPs, MEPs, faith groups and all those opposed to the BNP.
7. That other, even more extreme groups, such as the England First Party, are feeling more confident due to BNP success.

This Union Believes

1. That the BNP is now trying to present itself as a 'respectable' political party.
2. That the BNP seeks to attract votes on the basis of racism, Islamophobia, homophobia and the vilification of refugees and asylum seekers.
3. That the BNP is a fascist, racist organisation that stands for an all-white Britain, the destruction of trade unions and the elimination of basic democratic rights.
4. That the almost-complete failure of the BNP to sustain any long-term hold in the North-West shows that concerted campaigning can and does work in ensuring that their success is short lived.

This Union Resolves

1. To oppose all fascist activity in Bradford, whether from the BNP or any other far-right organisation.
2. To continue our affiliation to Unite Against Fascism while the cost remains £40/year (to be taken from the Affiliations budget). To continue distributing UAF materials on and off campus, and encourage student participation in the campaign.
3. To remain committed to a BNP free Bradford, and ultimately a Fascist free Britain.

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