**Support the “Justice 4 Edson Campaign”**

**Model resolution for trade unions, community organisations and campaigns**

[This is a model resolution for reference as organisations may wish to adapt content]

*Edson Da Costa was a loving father, son, cousin and trusted friend. He was a young man of 25 with his future ahead of him. His death has left a massive void in the lives of family and friends.*

*On Thursday 15 June, non-uniformed officers stopped the car Edson was travelling in. Edson was detained at the scene. CS gas was used and according to witnesses, a choke-hold applied. Edson lost consciousness and was taken to hospital where he was placed on life support. The life support was terminated six days later on 21 June.*

*The Edson family**are calling for a full genuinely independent inquiry into the circumstances of Edson’s death and for full police accountability for Edson’s death.*

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**[This organisation] notes with grave concern the circumstances surrounding the death of Edson Da Costa as a result of a police stop in Newham, East London, on 15 June 2017.**

**We also note:**

1. The disproportionate number of black and ethnic minority people who die while in police custody or as a result of contact with the police.
2. We note with particular concern the number of deaths involving the use of personal CS Gas canisters and the use of “choke-holds” and “positional restraint”.
3. The press demonisation and defamation of those who die in police custody, that often commences immediately after a tragic event.

**We resolve:**

1. To support the family’s call for a full, genuinely independent inquiry into Edson’s death.
2. To support the family’s demand that police officers involved be held accountable for any criminal action or negligence that may have occurred.
3. To publicise the campaign to our members and to the public and to order publicity materials from the campaign.
4. To make a donation of £\_\_\_\_ to the **Justice 4 Edson Campaign**

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To contact the campaign, email: justice4edsoncampaign@hotmail.com

***Please make donations to:***

“Justice 4 Edson Campaign”

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