



Anti-racists leaflet the FLA march in London

(PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN)

# Stand with Muslims against right's attacks

Anti-racists made sure they were on the streets when the Football Lads Alliance marched in London and Edinburgh. Support us to make sure we get bigger numbers next time

**FROM FAR right election breakthroughs in Austria and Germany to attacks on migrants and Muslims in Britain, we can see the threat of the right and racism.**

Islamophobia is the cutting edge of racism in Britain today.

Like Jewish and Irish people before, Muslims are the main scapegoat for politicians and right wing papers.

They are treated as “the enemy within”—a suspect community that is “segregating” itself.

Muslims are part of British society—right from Liverpool payer Mohamed Salah to the Muslim nurse who treats patients in your local hospital.

Most premier league clubs have Muslim players.

But politicians’ vile rhetoric has consequences.

After the horrific Manchester and London Bridge attacks, Islamophobic attacks went up by 500 percent.

They included verbal abuse and physical assault. We have to stand united against Islamophobia.

Fans joined the FLA march for all sorts of reasons. But the FLA leadership wants to build an Islamophobic movement.

## Seen

Anti-racists have played an important role resisting the rise of the right.

Britain has not seen a movement like the FLA before. Previous street movements such as the English Defence League have firmly involved fascists

in the leadership. Yet it is also possible to have a racist street movement, whose leadership doesn’t aim to build a fascist organisation.

When the FLA marched last October, Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) made sure there was an anti-racist presence on the streets.

And trade unions supported the event. You can

download the RMT rail union Finsbury Park branch’s motion on the FLA from the SUTR website.

We need more anti-racists to support us in future. The FLA plans to march in Birmingham and another city in the spring. So support SUTR and help us put an anti-racist alternative to the FLA.

## STAND UP TO RACISM UPCOMING DATES

**Saturday 10 February**  
Come to SUTR’s Trade Union Conference to build the fight against racism at work

**Saturday 17 March**  
SUTR national demonstrations in London, Glasgow and Cardiff

For more details go to [standuptoracism.org.uk](http://standuptoracism.org.uk)

# STAND UP TO RACISM



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## Who’s on the march? The threat of the FLA

The Football Lads Alliance’s (FLA) leaders are opening the door to racism against Muslims. It’s time to show them the red card

THE FLA claims that it is simply against all forms of “extremism”. Of course not everyone who joined their demonstration in London on 7 October last year is a racist.

But the FLA leadership has promoted those who stir up racism against Muslims. FLA founder John Meighan has said “Islamic extremism is the primary threat to our society”.

### Islamophobia

Donald Trump retweeted Islamophobic videos by fascist Britain First leader Jayda Fransen.

Even Trump’s ally prime minister Theresa May condemned it.

But Meighan said “Trump is on the money” unlike “spineless May”.

Meighan supported a fascist march that targeted East London Mosque on 21 October last year. “Good



FLA founder John Meighan (left) at the head of their march last October

(PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN)

luck to all those marching in London tomorrow,” he posted in the FLA’s internal Facebook group.

The march was organised by the fascist National Front and Chelsea Headhunters.

**“Trump is on the money unlike spineless May”**  
John Meighan, FLA founder

And prominent far right activists see the FLA as a potential recruiting ground.

Nazi Toni Bugle spoke at the FLA’s first demonstration at London Bridge in June.

“I don’t care if you’re Britain First, I don’t care if you’re English Defence League, I don’t even care if you’re National Front,” she previously told her supporters.

Bugle was pulled for “PR reasons” as a speaker on the 7 October demonstration.

This caused anger among some FLA supporters. Bugle was a speaker at a Veterans Against Terror-

ism protest that the FLA supported in Edinburgh last November.

And fascist Tommy Robinson, former English Defence League (EDL) leader, was treated as a celebrity by many marchers in London.

We believe that the vast majority of football fans are anti-racist

And they have a proud history of standing up to racism—on the terraces and outside the grounds.

All anti-racists have to take the threat of the FLA seriously.

**The FLA’s friends on the far right, turn to pages 2&3**

**The Football Lads Alliance (FLA) claims that racists and fascists are not welcome in its ranks. But prominent Nazis and Islamophobes have repeatedly spoken at its demonstrations—and receive the biggest cheers. Stand Up To Racism lifts the lid on the FLA’s leaders and their unsavoury bedfellows**

**Toni Bugle, Anti-Muslim activist**

**NAZI TONI Bugle has been a prominent supporter of the Football Lads Alliance (FLA) from the beginning.**

She wants to scapegoat Muslims for the terror attacks in Manchester and London Bridge

After the Parsons Green bucket bomb in west London Bugle said the authorities had left “whites” as “sitting ducks”.

**Islamophobia**

She is part of Mothers Against Radical Islam and Sharia (Marias), a group linked with Anne Marie Waters, who was judged too racist by Nigel Farage and Ukip. She has founded the



Toni Bugle

far right For Britain party. And Bugle has a history on the far right, with links to the fascist English Defence League (EDL).

She was also a police and crime commissioner candidate for the English Democrats, a party stuffed full of former members of the Nazi British National Party.

**JOIN THE STRUGGLE WITH STAND UP TO RACISM**

Stand Up to Racism is a broad, anti-racist organisation that fights against all all forms of racism.

Our inaugural national conference on 8 October 2016 drew together over 1,600 anti-racist activists.

It was addressed by Jeremy Corbyn MP, Diane Abbott MP, Lord Alf Dubs, Malia Bouattia and many more.

Then on 18 March 2017 over 30,000 people from across Britain took to the streets in London, Glasgow and Cardiff to say Refugees are Welcome Here.

Students and trade unionists, people of all faiths and none, migrants, musicians, teachers, pensioners and parents, took to the streets to make a defiant stand against racism. Together we showed unity in the face of racism.

We will be back next year for another huge demonstration against all forms of racism. Unity is our strength so we cannot let racism divide us. We are the majority and we will stand up to racism.

Go to our website for more information [standuptoracism.org.uk](http://standuptoracism.org.uk)



**FAR RIGHT FRIENDS**

**Mohan Singh, EDL supporter and sectarian**

**MOHAN SINGH is a sectarian bigot who pushes racist myths about Muslims.**

At the FLA’s first march in June 2017 Singh targeted Muslims and singled out to blame for terrorism.

He called for a crackdown on Muslim people. “We’ve got to go down and root these people out.”

His demands included a “blacklist of foreign and home grown Imams”.

He was part of a “United Against Hate” event with former English Defense League



Mohan Singh on a protest with the EDL

leader and Nazi BNP member Tommy Robinson and Waters last June.

Singh is no stranger to Robinson and the far fight and has joined EDL demonstrations.

He is part of the Sikh Awareness Society, which pushes racist myths about Muslims raping Sikh children.

Singh remains welcome on FLA marches.

**Richard Inman, Veterans Against Terrorism leader**

**VETERANS AGAINST Terrorism leader Richard Inman is a supporter of fascist Tommy Robinson. The FLA has teamed up with this Islamophobic outfit.**

Inman helped organise the People’s Charter’s march last September, where speakers included Waters. He supported a march targeting East London Mosque.

He is a Christian fundamentalist who believes that “the entire Muslim religion is antichrist” and called other Christians to join “the struggle

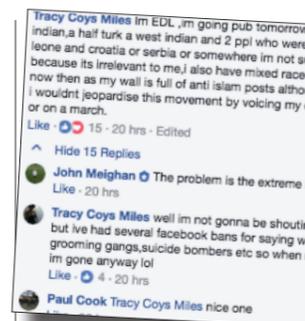
**‘We made racist comments’, admits Football Lads founder**

**VETERANS’ CHARITY Walking with the Wounded pulled out of working with the FLA last September after Stand Up To Racism sent it a list of concerns.**

FLA founder John Meighan admitted, “People have made racist comments mate” and that a “charity pulled out based on factual information”.

Walking with the Wounded pulling out caused an internal crisis.

A self-described EDL member posted in the FLA’s internal Facebook group after they pulled out (pictured). The EDL member made clear that she wouldn’t voice her Nazi views only



from fear of “jeopardising the movement”. Meighan told her that “the problem is the extreme Islamic elements”. This jars with the FLA’s official line that EDL and other far right supporters are not welcome.



Trying to get through police lines PICTURE GUY SMALLMAN

**FLA marchers called anti-racist ‘black bastards’**

**UP TO 20,000 joined the FLA’s march in central London last October.**

Nazi Tommy Robinson was treated like a celebrity by some marchers. Many took selfies with him.

And the FLA’s message also hardened up on the march. The most right wing speeches got the loudest applause

Meighan said, “We want all suspected terrorists who are not British citizens to be permanently removed from the country. Why should they be allowed to come over here? They’re not British citizens—get them out”

Meighan continued, “It’s not our way of life. We want our country back.”

Former SAS soldier Phil Campion said, “Politicians

have surrendered in arrival halls and airports. The political correctness has gone too far.”

Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) supporters leafleted the FLA marcher. They had a hostile response. One was called a “black bastard” and another a “mongrel”.

Meighan attacked Labour’s shadow home secretary Diane Abbott.

He said, “It’s time for you and your motley crew to move over”.

“Since then there have been racist attacks on Abbott in the FLA group.

She had signed an SUTR statement alongside trade union leaders and politicians raising concerns about the FLA (see link: bit.ly/2ALf0lo)