

NO TO THE FLA

Don't let the racists divide us



Join Manchester Stand Up to Racism's **DEMONSTRATION** on Sat 19th May

Meet 11.00am at Piccadilly Gardens

We, the undersigned, are opposed to 'The Football Lads Alliance's' plans to demonstrate in Manchester.

The FLA claims to be against all extremism but in recent months it has had far right speakers on its platforms, its marches have been promoted by far-right organisations & activists, and it has promoted Islamophobic events. Far from opposing extremism, the FLA's closed Facebook page continually sees racist and Islamophobic posts, including vitriolic posts targeting the Shadow Home Secretary Diane Abbott in the

wake of concerns she raised about the group.

These posts were so severe that a major Veterans charity Walking With The Wounded pulled its support for the recent FLA demo in London... John Meighan, the FLA's founder, offered his support to Donald Trump in his recent retweeting of fascist Britain First tweets. In late December, Meighan posted an openly Islamophobic post on his Facebook page, with a picture of him holding a copy of former English Defence League founder Tommy Robinson's book.. with the phrase "Happy Christmas you

filthy animals".

Some attracted to the FLA may be concerned about terror attacks and may not be racist, but we believe that any FLA event in a multicultural city like Manchester can only promote division in our community and open the door to racist, Islamophobic and far right groups and ideas to grow.

We oppose the FLA event, oppose Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and all forms of racism, and support Stand Up To Racism's anti-racist mobilisation in Manchester to show opposition to the FLA.

SIGNATORIES TO STAND UP TO RACISM'S STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE FLA INCLUDE:

Dan Hett, brother of a Manchester attack victim, & co-founder of Survivors Against Terror; Show Racism the Red Card; Andrew Gwynne MP; Manchester City Councillors: Richard Leese, Bernard Priest, Rabnawaz Akbar, Azra Ali, Shaikat Ali, Chris Webb; GMB North West & Irish Region; UNISON North West Region; Carl Webb, CWU North West Regional Secretary; Mark Rowe, FBU North West Regional Secretary; Peter Middleman, Regional Secretary, NUT Section - NW Region - National Education Union; Martin McMulkin, Unite the union North West Regional Chair; & others

Show Racism the  Red Card

