

## **Stand Up to Racism model motion 02 August 2018**

### **This union branch notes:**

- (1) The successive mobilisations by the Football Lads Alliance/ Democratic Football Lads Alliance and now #FreeTommy mobilisations in support of jailed EDL founder Tommy Robinson.
- (2) That on Wednesday 1 August, Tommy Robinson was released pending a re-trial.
- (3) That far right Facebook groups have been discussing how to 'celebrate' Tommy Robinson's release.
- (4) That the #FreeTommy mobilisation on Saturday 14 July assembled some 6,000 people. This was down on the huge 9 June turnout of 15,000 but still represents the biggest far right mobilisations for decades.
- (5) That the mobilisation to counter the racists and fascists organised by Stand Up to Racism on Saturday 14 July assembled some 3,000 people from across the movement. It was an impressive, united demonstration, which showed the potential for much bigger mobilisations against the fascists and racists.
- (6) That trade unionists who had gone to the Westminster Arms pub close to the anti-fascist demonstration were ambushed and violently attacked by a group of 20 from the #FreeTommy demonstration. The delegation included the RMT's union's Assistant General Secretary Steve Hedley.
- (7) That a Muslim woman bus driver became trapped on her bus and faced a tirade of abuse as people left the #FreeTommy demonstration.
- (8) That 250,000 people demonstrated against Donald Trump's politics of hate on Friday 13 July in London and many tens of thousands more joined protests around the country.

### **This union branch believes that:**

- (1) The "#FreeTommy" protestors have once again shown their true colours with their violent anti-trade union attacks.
- (2) That the release of Tommy Robinson will give a boost to the far right around the country. And it is entirely possible that this will see some kind of 'tour'.
- (3) That Donald Trump's presidency is encouraging the growth of the far right around the globe, but the demonstrations against him showed the potential for a mass anti-racist/ anti-fascist movement.
- (4) That the history of the marginalisation of fascist forces in Britain has been a history of successful mass counter mobilisation—whether it was the British Union of Fascists, the National Front, British National Party or English Defence League.

### **This union branch resolves:**

- (1) That we need to take these mobilisations by the far right very seriously. That means using our union branch to do everything it can to support the counter-demonstrations and local activity, in the expectation that Tommy Robinson may visit also our town or city.
- (2) To encourage people to sign the "Tommy Robinson and his racist friends are not welcome" petition via this link: <http://bit.ly/TommyNotWelcome>
- (3) To affiliate to Stand Up to Racism and support its activities and mobilisations.

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• Regional: £200 • National: £500 •

Cheques payable to 'Stand Up To Racism'. Return to: SUTR, PO Box 72710, London SW19 9GX. Clearly specifying the name of your union branch/ organisation.