

Say it loud,  
say it clear...

# CLIMATE



# REFUGEES ARE

# WELCOME HERE

**The sheer scale of the climate emergency we are facing is existential, and people are waking up to urgency of the need to act now.**

The impact of climate change is displacing millions of people around the world. It is a crisis which is overwhelmingly caused by the rich and big business, driven by capitalism, and the effects are already being felt disproportionately by those in the global south.

In the last six years, over 140 million people were forced to move because of climate and weather related disasters: droughts, harvest failures and devastating storms. We know that last year 24 million people were displaced by weather related disasters like floods and hurricanes.

While the displacement figures cannot all be simplistically reduced to climate change alone, they do give us a picture of what to expect as climate change worsens the frequency and severity of such disasters. Climate change is now a central factor driving people to flee their homes, interacting with other forces, such as war, conflict and poverty.

## Sea levels

The mean global sea level has risen by 4-8 inches over the past century with the annual rate doubling in the past 20 years. This has largely been attributed to thermal expansion, melting glaciers (or polar ice caps), and ice loss from Greenland and Antarctica.

Island countries are the most affected by the rising sea levels, and many examples across the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean are at risk from rising sea levels and the impact increasing sea temperatures on corals, as well as cyclones.

Countries that sit at a low elevation are also very much at risk, for example in Bangladesh or in Vietnam.



The Guardian newspaper reported that rising sea levels could displace 30 million people by the end of the century.

Stand Up To Racism stands in full solidarity with those fighting to build an effective movement over climate change.

Racism is at the heart of the agenda of governments in the west—if climate change affects the global south it's not seen as a serious problem, and when millions flee its disastrous consequences, they are scapegoated, detained or left to drown.

## 'Hostile environment'

It is essential that as part of the inspiring and growing mass global movement for the climate, anti racism and defence of refugees and migrants is at its centre.

As millions are displaced, they face the deliberately engineered and so called 'Hostile Environment' in Britain, and disgustingly racist anti-migrant and refugee policies from the US, Australia, and across Europe.

From Trump, to Johnson and Farage, to Bolsonaro, to the rising far right across Europe, to mainstream politicians—it is the very people who are attacking and scapegoating refugees and migrants and pushing racist and devastating fortress border policies who are also to blame for the failure to stop climate chaos.

Bolsonaro's policies in Brazil have stunned the world this summer, with the horrifying Amazon fires. In 2019 there has been a 77 percent increase from the same period in 2018 in fires in the world's largest rainforest which provides us with 20 percent of the world's oxygen.

## Back the climate strike: 20 Sep & build solidarity with refugees

Trump is the world's no.1 climate change denier, and he is the world's no.1 racist. He uses his office to give credence to a dangerous ideology, fanning the flames of the far right and fascist terrorists.

Boris Johnson has rejected climate science more than once despite promising to lobby Trump to do more about climate change.

The bold fight by campaigners from Greta Thunberg to Extinction Rebellion and the #YouthStrike4Climate has been deeply inspiring. We need anti racism to be at the centre of this new movement, and we need to organise to oppose all forms of racism, Islamophobia and Antisemitism, and the rise of a dangerous far right.

**We say loud and clear, climate refugees welcome here! Solidarity with the 20 September climate strike!**

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE against racism and fascism SAT 19 OCTOBER

10am - 4pm

Friends Meeting House,  
173 Euston Road,  
London NW1 2BJ

• **Challenging the rise of racism, Islamophobia and Antisemitism**

• **Windrush, Grenfell, deaths in custody - The fight for justice**

• **Reporting racism - The media and the growth of racist ideas**

• **Solidarity forever - Refugees and migrants welcome here**

• **A coordinated international movement against Trumpism & the far-right**

• **Love Music Hate Racism - culture & the anti-racist movement**

• **Fighting Islamophobia in the age of Boris Johnson**

## SPEAKERS SO FAR

**Gary Younge**, Journalist • **Miguel Roldan**, Spanish firefighter • **Louise Raw**, author • **Richard Burgon** MP • **Emma Dent Coad** MP • **Alex Mayer** MEP • **Claude Moraes** MEP • **Julie Ward** MEP • **Jean Lambert**, Green Party • **Mark Serwotka**, PCS General Secretary • **Kevin Courtney** Joint General Secretary NEU • **Tony Kearns** Deputy General Secretary (postal) CWU • **Jane Loftus**, CWU Vice President • **Nita Sanghera** UCU Vice President • **Anas Altikriti**, Muslim Association of Britain • **Ged Grebby**, Show Racism the Red Card Chief Executive • **Mohammed Kozbar**, Finsbury Park Mosque Chairman • **Unmesh Desai**, GLA Member, Labour, City and East London • **Damien Gayle**, Journalist • **Ben Chacko**, Morning Star editor • **Rakhia Ismail**, Islington Councillor • **Gerry Gable**, Editor, Searchlight • **Sabby Dhalu** and **Weyman Bennett**, Stand Up To Racism

## REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 I agree to be sent emails about stand up to racism campaigns (tick box)  
Trade union \_\_\_\_\_ College/university/school \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Voter?  I've voted  I'd like to make an additional donation  Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
**PAYMENT**  
Credit/debit card (please circle) (switch) Visa/Master Card/Delta/Maestro  
Card number \_\_\_\_\_  
Valid from \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_ Switch issue number \_\_\_\_\_  
Security code \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Make cheques payable to 'Stand Up to Racism' - Return this form to: SUOR, PO Box 127131, London SW23 9GL



## MODEL MOTION:

*This branch notes:*

- The Tories have helped to stir up racism. Boris Johnson's cabinet is out to consciously intensify the 'hostile environment' for migrants and refugees to divide us.
- That the crisis of climate chaos we are faced with is creating and will continue to create millions of climate refugees, who currently will not have UN recognition of their refugee status

*We support* Stand Up To Racism's initiatives to build a mass antiracist movement that can welcome all refugees and migrants and organise to challenge the racist hostile environment.

*We support* the #GlobalStrike4Climate on 20 September and are in solidarity with the actions planned by YouthStrike4Climate, Extinction Rebellion & Campaign Against Climate Change.

*We support* the Stand Up To Racism international conference on Saturday 19 October, agree to send our branch banner and pay for ... delegates.

