# Stand Up To Racism #BlackLivesMatter

# #WeDemandChange **BUILD A** MASS ANTI RACIST **MOVEMENT TO WIN**

**IHE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD** at the hands of police in Minneapolis sparked a mass #BlackLivesMatter movement that has seen people mobilising against racism across the world.

The institutional racism at the heart of US, British, and many other societies has been put under the spotlight while the whole history of oppression, colonialism and slavery has been exposed.

From the disproportionate deaths of black people in the COVID-19 crisis to racist stop and search laws, deaths in police custody and the hostile environment for migrants at the heart of the Windrush scandal, we can see, whatever the government says that we live in a fundamentally racist society.

It's crucial that the movement led so imaginatively, despite the COVID-19 crisis by thousands of young black activists, continues to grow and deepen its roots.

## **Systematic**

Just like in the US, tens of thousands of young white activists have also come onto the streets, to oppose racism and to show their solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter

Stand Up To Racism is in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter protests happening around Britain demanding #JusticeForShukriAbdi

Shukri Abdi was a 12 year old of Somali heritage who tragically drowned in Greater Manchester last summer. There hasn't yet been any serious investigation into Shukri's drowning, the actions of the public bodies or even the bullying she was subject to. On 1 July it will also be two years since the death of Christopher Kapessa, whose mother has campaigned



over South Wales Police and the Crown Prosecution Service's institutional racism over failure to prosecute anyone in relation to her son's death.

We demand change. There is a real chance to build a genuinely mass antiracist movement that starts to tackle every element of our racist society, from toppling the slave owners statues, to tackling the systematic discrimination in the justice and education systems.

The fact that racism and exploitation in the workplace go hand in hand with the disproportionate deaths of black front line workers in the Covid-19 crisis is proof of that if it were needed.

### 'Watermelon smiles'

Stand Up To Racism is a broad based anti-racist group that stands 100 percent in solidarity with the #BlackLivesMatter movement. We want to see anti-racist organisation in every town and city, every college and every workplace, on the streets and online. We have a racist in number 10 just like in the White House.

Boris Johnson described black people as having 'watermelon smiles' and Muslim

women as looking like 'bank robbers'.

No government enquiry with this man in charge will ever tackle the endemic racism in British society - only a truly mass movement can do that.

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