

One year on from the
murder of George Floyd:

WE NEED ACTION NOW



STAND
UP TO
RACISM



#BlackLivesMatter
#UKIsNotInnocent
#SayTheirNames
#TakeTheKnee

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22 May:
Say their name
events and
online rally

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25 May:
Take the knee

The murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer a year ago sparked a historic wave of global protests and a massive upsurge in the #BlackLivesMatter movement.

Without that movement, Derek Chauvin would likely have never appeared in court, and George Floyd's family would never have obtained justice. The movement also played a major role in the defeat of Donald Trump, the world's #1 racist.

But structural racism and police violence is far from over.

In Britain, black people are nine times more likely to face stop and search than white people. This rises to 18 times under Section 60, where no reasonable suspicion is required.

The Covid-19 crisis has disproportionately affected BAME communities in a huge way medically and economically, with thousands of preventable deaths and hundreds of thousands more forced into poverty.

Most shamefully, there is the endless list of deaths in police custody – where no British police officer has ever faced prosecution.

Instead of addressing this, the British government responded to the #BlackLivesMatter movement by launching a major racist offensive with a 'Race Report' that denies the reality of institutional racism, a Police and Crime bill targeting anti-racists and a wave of legislation attacking refugee and migrant rights.



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WEEK OF ACTION

Stand Up To Racism has initiated a week of action from Saturday 22 May to mark a year since George Floyd's murder in solidarity with the BLM movement in the US and highlighting issues of institutional racism and racist policing in Britain.

- On **Saturday 22 May** local groups will be organising #SayTheirNames events where we raise the names of those from BAME communities who have died disproportionately in the Covid-19 crisis and of those who have died in police custody – or after contact with the police.

At **5pm** a major online rally will bring together anti-racists and those fighting for justice to discuss how we take the fight forward.

- On **Tuesday 25 May** (the day of George Floyd's death) alongside the Trade Union Congress we are calling for people across Britain to #TakeTheKnee – at work, in the community or on college campuses.

At all these events we will raise the urgent need for an independent public inquiry into disproportionate deaths in the Covid-19 crisis and support calls for investigations into deaths in police custody to be reopened.

The truth is that the #UKIsNotInnocent and that the BLM movement has exposed the racism at the heart of British society just as much as in the US.

The Derek Chauvin verdict is not the end of the fight for justice. It's just the beginning, both in the US and in Britain.

Whatever the government says – we want to show that the overwhelming majority want to end racism and discrimination.