

Motion to support 'No to Tommy Robinson, No to Fortress Britain' mobilisation against 'Great Brexit Betrayal Protest', December 9

This branch notes:

1. On December 9, the UK Independence Party, along with English Defence League-founder Tommy Robinson (real name Stephen Yaxley-Lennon), is orchestrating a 'Great Brexit Betrayal Protest' in London;
2. The demonstration on December 9 is just one instance of an increased presence on our streets and in our communities of racist far-right and fascist groups, a trend that we are also seeing elsewhere in Europe and on other continents;
3. That Goldsmiths UCU has, over the years, consistently supported movements against the far right.
4. A coalition of organisations (and individuals) is cooperating, under the slogan 'No to Tommy Robinson, No to Fortress Britain', to oppose the Great Brexit Betrayal Protest on December 9. These include: Stop Trump Coalition; Momentum; Global Justice Now; Another Europe is Possible; Feminist Anti-Fascist Assembly; Women's Strike Assembly; Plan C; Labour Against Racism and Fascism; Labour Campaign for Free Movement; Owen Jones; John McDonnell MP; Migrants Organise; Brazilian Women Against Fascism; IWGB; BFAWU; Ni Una Menos.

This branch believes:

1. The far right is using the Tory Brexit crisis to fuel a politics of fear and racism. The Tory Brexit deal is an attack on everyone, but especially on migrants: it will expand the existing racist border regime to millions more migrants. It is more urgent than ever that we fight against Fortress Britain: against the hostile environment, immigration raids, detention centres and deportations. We cannot allow the far right to provide racist solutions to the crisis we are in. We need to build a future in which access to decent health, education and housing is a reality and not a dream. This begins with standing together against the racism and sexism of the far right.
2. Racist and fascist groups (such as those likely to participate in the Great Brexit Betrayal Protest) must be confronted politically and on the streets. Literally, they must not be allowed to pass: ¡No pasarán!;

This branch resolves:

1. To support the No to Tommy Robinson, No to Fortress Britain initiative, by:
 - (a) Publicising the counter-mobilisation and encouraging our members to attend;
 - (b) Sending a donation of £100