

# NEWHAM 7 DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

C/O Commonground, The Wicker, Sheffield, S3 8HT

## MODEL RESOLUTION

### This Union Branch/Organisation notes:-

1. With anger and concern the arrests of 7 Asian youths aged 17 - 22 for defending themselves and their community from racial attacks.
2. The use of conspiracy and affray charges against the 7 youths. It further notes the political context in which these charges have been used on previous occasions against the black and labour movement e.g. the Shrewbury building workers, Bradford 12, Newham 8 etc.

### This Union Branch/Organisation believes:-

1. That in the face of increasing number of racial attacks both in Newham and the East End of London generally, given the total failure of the police to respond to these attacks, black people have no option but to defend themselves against these attacks in order to ensure their basic survival.
2. That by charging the 7 youths with conspiracy, the struggle of black people against racism is being criminalised.

### This Union Branch/Organisation resolves:-

1. To invite a speaker from the campaign.
2. To support the Newham 7 in their fight against racism;
3. To affiliate to the defence campaign/join a local supporters group and publicise the case and campaign as widely as possible. It furthermore resolves to organise a workplace collection/make a donation to the campaign.
4. To write to the Home Secretary and Commander E. Jones ('K' Division, 19 Main Road, Romford, Essex), and Chief Superintendent Barratt (WestHam Police Station, West Ham Lane, London E15) demanding that the charges against the seven be dropped.

### Affiliation

I/we would like to affiliate to the Newham 7 Defence Campaign

Name/Organisation.....

Address.....

Telephone number.....

I/We enclose the appropriate affiliation fees ( £3.00 organisation/£1.00 individual)