

*Expand our production of the Sheffield Defence Campaign Newsletter, to better inform the people of Sheffield about racism and imperialism.

*Fight a general campaign against Immigration Laws and deportations.

*Continue to fight any local campaigns that may arise.

*Continue to oppose the existence of fascists and their racist propaganda in Sheffield.

*Continue offering support to campaigns elsewhere.

*Continue our policy of discussion meetings related to racism and imperialism.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

We appreciate and acknowledge that there are numerous other people fighting racism, in other ways to the S.D.C.; through council depts, trade unions, political parties, church organisations, community groups etc. We recognize that they are as equally committed and as equally busy as the S.D.C. Nevertheless, due to our present workload and mounting bills, we are compelled to ask these and other people for a further commitment in whatever way they are able to assist us.

The S.D.C. throughout its 5 years of campaigning NEVER received any funding from any agency. The S.D.C. has always opposed government/council funding, as we believe it will inevitably compromise our campaigns, as well as our political principles. Thus we have raised our revenues through socials and other such events.

On this understanding, if you appreciate our past, present and future campaigning work - we ask you to join us. Or if your time is already over-committed - we ask you to help us continue this work by taking out a regular banker's order. (ONLY if you can AFFORD to do so)!

- * Find out more about the S.D.C. by returning the slip below.
- * Invite a speaker from the S.D.C. to talk to your group/ T.U. etc.
- * Make a donation to help us in our campaigning work.
- * AFFILIATE to S.D.C.
- * Subscribe to our Newsletter.

Name/organisation.

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FIGHTBACK

Feb 1984 - Sheffield, National Front march through Hillsborough, unopposed by the people of Sheffield.

March 1984 - Sheffield Defence Campaign formed.

Many black and white people come together to form the Sheffield Defence Campaign, and vowed "the fascist NF will never again be allowed to march on the streets of Sheffield without mass organised opposition."

Since that time, the Sheffield Defence Campaign has stuck to the task it set itself, as well as broadening its sphere of work to fighting all aspects of racism and fascism wherever they appear. We have consistently done that at both local and national level.

We must stress that our attitudes and analysis towards racism are based on and influenced by a black led agenda.

Our local activities have included organising campaigns to defend black people facing deportation under the racist Immigration Laws. We have also defended people against organised racist attacks as well as campaigning against many cases of police harassment and brutality. We have also fought against racism in the education system, and challenged the institutionalised racism of the local councils housing policies.

We have also been involved in the Sheffield Anti Fascist Network, a group set up in January 1988 to

stop the Fascist paper sales in the city centre, an aim that was achieved in under 2 months.

Most recently we have also been active in the Sharrow Action Committee against Racism/Fascism; an initiative set up by the Sharrow community to fight back against the increase in racist attacks in the area. Our involvement has provided both practical support and campaigning expertise for the group to raise the issues to a wider audience.



CAMPAIGN WORK

Of the many campaigns we have fought against racism we have won the majority; for example:

Feroze Khan and Family (deportation of Asian elders).

Zafar Iqbal Campaign (police criminalisation of black youth).

Ranjit Chakravorty (Asian community worker who faced deportation).

Josephine Thomas (Afro-Caribbean woman facing deportation).

Mohammed Iqbal (racist attack against Asian taxi driver)

Page Hall Three (Asian men criminalised by police).

Sheffield Five (5 people arrested for opposing Ray Honeyford meeting).

Akram Family (racism of city council housing policies).

Campaign against the '81 Nationality Act, (the SDC forced the Council to cough up £15,000 immediately, for a hardship fund).

The lessons of our experiences through campaign work have shown us that what is needed is a strong and independent, principled anti-racist movement in Sheffield. A movement which will actively fight racism on all levels, rather than make endless paper resolutions which do not threaten the ideology and the manifestations of racism at all.

However we do not see ourselves as experts, but we do believe we are involved in the grassroots struggle to rid the streets and institutions of Sheffield and elsewhere of racism and fascism. We believe that only through a conscious community-based struggle involving both black and white working class people, challenging the prejudices and beliefs that are embedded deep within this society, and by putting our whole weight behind the defence of the black community, can the eradication of these social evils be effectively attempted.

It is upon these terms that we will continue to fight racism and fascism wherever it rears its head, and to this end we intend to: