

NEWHAM 8

defence campaign

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*** MODEL RESOLUTION ***

This Union Branch/Organisation notes:

1. with anger and concern the arrest of 8 Asian youths aged 15-21 for defending themselves and their community from racial attacks;
2. conspiracy charges against the 8 youths. It further notes the political context in which conspiracy charges have been used on previous occasions against the Black and Labour Movement, e.g. the Shrewsbury workers, the Bradford 12, etc.

This Union Branch /Organisation believes:

1. that in the face of the increasing number of racial attacks, especially around schools, both in Newham and throughout the country, and given the total failure of the authorities to effectively respond to these attacks, Black people have no option but to defend themselves against these attacks in order to ensure their survival;
2. that by charging the 8 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 (if appropriate);
2. to support the Newham 8 in their fight against racism;
3. to join a local supporters group, and publicise the case and the 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 to demand that the charges against the Newham 8 be dropped.

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