

NEWHAM 8 defence campaign

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Dear Friend,

The National March Against Racism and Racist Attacks called for by the Newham 8 Defence Campaign on September 24th 1983 was a great success. Not only was the march successful in terms of local and national support (more than 2,000 people marched from various parts of the country including Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Bradford, Blackburn, Preston, Birmingham, Brighton, Newcastle, Leeds, etc. and local black youths from all over the borough) but also laid a solid base to enable us to build for the trials.

We would also like to inform all supporters (support groups) that the date of the start of the trials have been postponed to Thursday 10th November 1983. The trials are to be held at Snaresbrook Crown Court (opp. Snaresbrook Underground, Central line). With regards to this the Defence Campaign has called for a National picket of Snaresbrook Crown Court at 10.00a.m. on Thursday 10th November.

To ensure a large attendance at the first day of the trials, we are asking all support groups of the Newham 8 Campaign to (a) mobilise for the first day of the trials (Thursday 10th November); (b) wherever possible book coaches/minibuses and let the Campaign know about your travel arrangements; (c) do publicity work for the trials, inform supporters in your area (leaflets can be got from the Campaign); (d) organise fund raising benefits/hold collections in order to finance these activities. It is essential that every Black and progressive group in your area is aware of the case and its implications.

It is expected that the trials will probably last for a period of 2 weeks. It is essential that the courts are packed both inside and outside, throughout the length of the trials. With regards to this we are asking support groups outside London to notify the Campaign of which additional days after November 10th they can attend the pickets, so that it is possible to organise specific days for support groups to come down. If accommodation is required, the Campaign should be notified in advance as to the numbers and when for.

Lastly, we would like to remind supporters that there is a supporters meeting at 2.00 p.m. on Sunday, 23rd October, at the NALGO Office, 7 Chapel Street, Stratford, E15 (opp. Marks & Spencer, @ Stratford - Central line).

All those who require extra copies of the Campaign's bulletin, posters, leaflets, badges/stickers, these are available and can be ordered from the Campaign.

Yours in struggle,



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on behalf of the Newham 8 Defence Campaign