

**STOP THE FASCIST BNP**

# Peace and unity vigil

**20th September 2008  
Stoke-on-Trent city centre**

**Assembling 10am at Civic Centre Car Park ( outside Civic Centre), Glebe Street, ST4 1RG**

Called by NORSCARF (North Staffordshire Campaign Against Racism and Fascism), Unite Against Fascism, Love Music Hate Racism and Race Equality organisations in Stoke

See website [www.uaf.org.uk](http://www.uaf.org.uk) for further details



For further information, or to let us know you are bringing your union's / organisation's banners, please call Unite Against Fascism 020 7833 4916 or email [unite@ucu.org.uk](mailto:unite@ucu.org.uk)

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The fascist BNP have called a rally in Stoke on 20th September and their leader Nick Griffin will attend. The BNP is not a "respectable" political party it is a fascist organisation that thrives in an atmosphere of racism and bigotry — and they plan to create that climate in the city.

Everyone opposed to the BNP must stand together against them.

The BNP is trying to present British National Party (BNP) activist Keith Brown as a "white martyr" and a "victim of Islamic jihad against Great Britain". But truth is that Brown and his son Ashley Barker subjected their neighbour Habib Khan, and his family to years of racist harassment and violent abuse.

The judge, Simon Tonking, noted that "despite denials to the contrary, both Mr Brown and his son Ashley Barker were involved in acts of racial aggression towards members of Mr. Khan's family".

The Khan family was called "pakis" and their windows were smashed nearly every other day.

They had a panic button installed after one particularly vicious incident in which Barker — who is also an active member of the BNP — beat Habib Khan to unconsciousness.

Barker was convicted of assault last year.

The BNP's attempts to portray Brown as a victim should be seen for what they are — a transparent ploy to stir up race hatred and violence.

Mr Khan has been convicted and sentenced following a court trial.

Having an essentially political rally in Stoke is not about the BNP seeking "justice" for Keith Brown a longstanding fascist BNP member. This is about the BNP pushing a racist agenda in Stoke in preparation for next year's mayoral elections.

North Staffordshire Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, Unite Against Fascism and Love Music Hate Racism have launched a unity statement in the city against the BNP (see overleaf) and are organising a peace and unity vigil in Stoke City Centre against the BNP.

# Sign the Stoke unity statement — Oppose a BNP rally in Stoke on September 20th

**Please add your name to the statement below.**

- We want peace and harmony in Stoke. We want a city for everyone where we can live together.
- We understand that the British National Party (BNP) are planning a "rally" in Stoke-on-Trent on September 20th, which party leader Nick Griffin will attend.
- We believe that the BNP's intention, whatever they may say publicly, is to whip up racism and division in Stoke.
- We are saddened and horrified that such an organisation is targeting Stoke. The BNP is a fascist organisation, as exposed in TV documentaries such as Panorama and Dispatches.

- BNP leader Nick Griffin was convicted in 1998 of incitement to racial hatred after denying that the Holocaust — the murder of 6 million Jews and millions of others — took place.
  - We appeal to the police and authorities to prevent the BNP from dividing our city.
  - As organisations and individuals we pledge to work tirelessly together to oppose groups who seek to divide our community.
- Return completed sheets to UAF, PO Box 36871, London WC1X 9XT.*

*Signatories include:*

**Brendan Barber** TUC General Secretary, **Derek Simpson** Joint General Secretary Unite, **Billy Hayes** General Secretary CWU, **Bob Crow** General Secretary RMT, **Mark Serwotka** General Secretary PCS, **Jeremy Dear** General Secretary NUJ, **Paul Kenny** General Secretary GMB, **Christine Blower** General Secretary, **Wes Streeting** National President NUS, **Joe Marino** General Secretary BFAWU, **Michael Meacher** MP, **Glyn Ford** MEP, **John McDonnell** MP and **National Union of Students**.

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