

Mobilising against the BNP and EDL

As an education union, we believe in the liberation of every learner's potential, irrespective of age, class, gender, disability, sexual orientation, race or religion. Racism and fascism have no place in the classroom or lecture hall. We recommend all branches to join forces with other unions and anti-fascist organisations to campaign against xenophobia, racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia and Islamophobia. UCU is not affiliated to any political party, but we call on all members to vote for democratic political parties in local and general elections.

Anti-fascist supporters are campaigning to ensure that the 178 BNP candidates are rejected at the forthcoming local elections in England on May 11. This is made up of at least 96 candidates in the English local elections, 38 candidates for the Scottish Parliament and 27 for the Welsh Assembly. See below for a full list of candidates – please note that this list was correct as of April 5th. The list is still being updated and can be checked at www.hopenothate.org.uk

BNP Candidates – May 2011	
Region	Constituencies
Eastern	Basildon Luton (Farley Hill) Thurrock (Ockendon) Former BNP members are standing as English Democratic Party candidates in Broxbourne (Cheshunt Central, Rosedale, Wormley & Tudford, Fenside)
East Midlands	Northampton (Delapre & Briar Hill, Kingsthorpe) Wellingborough (Brickhill, Queensway, Redwell East) A former BNP member is standing as English Democratic Party candidate in Boston (Central)
North East	Hartlepool (Rift) Middlesborough (Mayoral) S Tyneside (Beacon & Bents, Boldon Colliery, Fellgate & Hedworth, Hebburn N., Simonside & Rekindike, West Park, Whiteleas) Spennymoor Town Council (Tudhoe) A former BNP member is standing as England First Party candidate in Darlington (Northgate)
North West	Blackburn (Higher Croft, Roe Lea, Shadsworth with Whitebirk) Bolton (Tonge with The Haulgh) Burnley (Coal Clough with Deerplay, Gannow, Gawthorne, Hapton with Park, Rosengrove with Lowerhouse, Rosehill with Burnley Wood, Trinity)
North West cont	Knowsley (St. Gabriel's, Stockbridge) Liverpool (Anfield, Croxteth, Everton, Tuebrook & Stoneycroft) Pendle (Clover Hill, Southfield, Waterside) Salford (Irwell Riverside, Langworthy) Tameside (Audenshaw, Droylesden W., Dukinfield & Slaybridge, Hyde Newton) England First Party is standing candidates in Pendle (Bradley, Waterside), Preston (Ribbleton), Wigan (Ince) Former BNP members are standing as English Democratic Party candidates in Liverpool (Old Swan), Pendle (Earby), Solihull (Elmdon, Knowle)

Region	Constituencies
South West	Devonshire (Eastbourne)
West Midlands	Sandwell (Great Barr with Yew Tree, Princes End) Stoke-on-Trent (Abbey Hulton & Townsend, Baddely, Milton & Norton, Bentilee & Ubbberley, Boothens & Oak Hill, Bradely & Chell Heath, Broadway & Longton E., Dresden & Florence, Fenton W. & Mount Pleasant, Ford Green & Smallthorne, Golden Hill & Sandyford, Great Chell & Packmoor, Hanford & Trentham, Meir Hay, Meir S.) Telford & Wrekin (Woodside) England First Party is standing candidates in Stoke-on-Trent (Ince, Sandford Hill) and former BNP members are standing as Community Voice in Stoke-on-Trent (Abbey Hulton & Townsend, Meir N.)
Yorkshire	Barnsley (Worsborough) Calderdale (Northowram & Shelf, Ovenden, Sowerby Bridge, Wadsworth) Hull (Marpool) Kirklees (Almondbury, Denby Dale, Golcar, Kirkburton) Leeds (Kirkstal, Middleton Park) Wakefield (S. Elmshall) Sheffield (Beauchief & Greenhill, E. Ecclesfield) A former BNP member is standing as English Democratic Party candidate in Leeds (Morley S.)
Scotland	38 SP candidates: in all regional lists plus Linlithgow Almond Valley Aberdeen Donside Aberdeen S. & Kincardine Aberdeen Central
Wales	30 WA candidates: in all regional lists plus Alyn & Deeside Blaenau Gwent Caerphilly Islwyn Neath Swansea East

News and Events

UCU affiliates to both Unite Against Fascism and Hope Not Hate. Below are details of events being organised by these two organisations.

Unite Against Fascism News

North Staffordshire Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (NorSCARF) and UAF have organised a series of joint days of action to campaign against the fascist British National Party in the run-up to this year's all-out council elections in Stoke-on-Trent in May.

In the 2010 elections, the NorSCARF/UAF campaign – supported by trades unionists and others – stopped BNP deputy leader Simon Darby from winning the Stoke Central parliamentary seat and knocked the number of BNP councillors in Stoke down to five.

The next day of action will be Sunday 17 April. To get involved or receive further information, contact 07817 688 835 or email UAF (info@uaf.org.uk) or NorSCARF (norscarf@burslem.demon.co.uk).

For further information about events or the work of UAF visit <http://uaf.org.uk/>

Hope Not Hate's Big Weekend: April 2011

On the weekend of 16th and 17th April 2011 HOPE not hate will be campaigning to wipe out the British National Party once and for all in our Communities.

Last year we smashed the BNP but this year we have to clear the remaining Councillors out. Our participation must remain strong and consistent and we need you to make sure that this happens.

3 Things you can do

1. Take the lead and organise a coach from your offices to the nearest key areas
2. Send out information regarding our day of action to your distribution lists
3. Help us fund coaches with a donation

The local elections are just four weeks away – there's no more time, we must act now. Contact me directly on 07957963304 or email david@hopenothate.org.uk

Key area	Date and time	Event RSVP link
Bradford	16/04/2011 09:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdw
Boston	16/04/2011 09:30	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wd4
Burnley	17/04/2011 10:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdr
Charnwood	16/04/2011 09:30	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdg
Newcastle	16/04/2011 10:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdy
North West Leicestershire	16/04/2011 10:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdp
Stoke on Trent	16/04/2011 10:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdv
Thurrock	16/04/2011 09:30	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdj
Wrexham	16/04/2011 09:00	http://action.hopenothate.org.uk/page/event/detail/aprilbigdayofaction/wdl



Dealing with the threat to local communities from the English Defence League

A one-day conference, De Montfort Hall, Leicester,

Wednesday 11th May 2011

Searchlight has a proud history of combating division and hate in our communities. But in order to do this we must understand our opponents and share best practice about how best to tackle new challenges.

The rise of the English Defence League presents a grave threat to our communities and new challenges for local authorities. Searchlight Educational Trust is holding a unique one-day conference for community leaders, faith communities, local authority representatives and local & regional police forces to share best practise on dealing with the EDL. We really hope that given your role in the community, either you or one of your colleagues will consider joining us for the day.

The conference is being held in partnership with Leicester City Council and is supported by UNISON and will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 from 9:30am – 5pm at De Montfort Hall, Leicester. You can register online at www.setrust.org.uk, via email at events@setrust.org.uk or by calling 020 7681 8647. The attendance fee is £80 per delegate; a reduced rate is available for Charities and individuals. For more information about Searchlight's work in this area please also have a look at www.fearandhope.org.uk.

UCU will sponsor two places on a first come first served basis. Please email Sharon Russell at srussell@ucu.org.uk if you would like to attend

5 things you can do?

- 1. Leaflet your workplace, train/underground stations**
- 2. Hold a lunch time meeting at your college or university – involve student groups such as the NUS**
- 3. Attend anti-fascist conferences or events**
- 4. Affiliate to Unite Against Fascism or Hope not Hate**
- 5. Sign up to receive regular anti-fascist updates from UCU (email eqadmin@ucu.org.uk)**