

## **Model Motion**

### **Unite against Fascism**

This union conference/region/branch notes that the BNP:

- is a fascist, racist organisation that stands for an all white Britain, the destruction of trade unions and the elimination of basic democratic rights.
- has 21 Councillors across Britain and polled 808,200 votes – 4.9% of the national vote in the European elections. In London the BNP were 5,720 votes away from winning a seat on the Assembly.
- intends to field candidates the general election next year or year after and the local elections in London next year.
- is now trying to present itself as a 'respectable' political party.
- seeks to attract votes on the basis of racism, homophobia, Islamophobia, anti-semitism and the vilification of refugees and asylum seekers.

Trade unions play a crucial role in defeating fascism in Britain. We welcome the position taken by several unions to expel members of the BNP from trade unions.

This union conference /region/branch further notes:

- Unite Against Fascism is a broad national campaign formed to defeat the BNP, uniting trade unions, anti-racists, anti-fascists, MPs, MEPs, faith groups and all those opposed to the BNP.
- Unite Against Fascism has been actively campaigning against the British National Party in particular and other fascist organisations. Prior to the 2004 European, London and local elections Unite Against Fascism's main objective was to stop the BNP from gaining seats on the London Assembly and the European parliament by raising voter turnout.
- The BNP failed to gain a seat on the European and London Assembly.
- Unite Against Fascism lead a national campaign to raise the turnout and mobilise the anti-BNP vote nationally. In addition UAF also set up local groups around the country, which prevented the BNP from gaining councillors in many areas.
- The TUC General Council agreed to support Unite Against Fascism.
- 13 trade unions have affiliated to Unite Against Fascism and 21 General secretaries have signed the campaign statement including Roger Lyons TUC President and AMICUS Joint General Secretary, Dave Prentis Unison, Tony Woodley TGWU, Billy Hayes CWU, Kevin Curran GMB and Paul Mackney NATFHE.

This union conference /region/branch resolves to affiliate to Unite Against Fascism, to circulate Unite Against Fascism leaflets and other materials and encourage the take up of individual membership.