

SCOTLAND UNITED

AGAINST RACISM & FASCISM

SAT 14 NOV

ASSEMBLE GLASGOW GREEN ~ NELSON'S COLUMN ~ NOON

MARCH AND RALLY

NO TO RACISM & FASCISM
TO ISLAMOPHOBIA
TO THE ENGLISH/SCOTTISH DEFENCE LEAGUE

YES TO A MULTICULTURAL,
MULTIRELIGIOUS, MULTIRACIAL,
UNITED SCOTLAND

JOIN A DAY OF CELEBRATION

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'Scotland United' is a coming together of trade unionists, anti-racists, and faith groups for one purpose to hold a rally & march to celebrate multicultural Glasgow on Saturday 14th November.

This is in response to the anti-Muslim protest planned by racist bigots of the Scottish & English Defence League who wish to march on Central Mosque on the same day. Previous EDL demonstrations have seen their thugs attack Asian people, chant "Muslims out" and make "Seig Heil" Nazi salutes. It is vital that we do not sit back and allow a small minority of racist thugs with links to the fascist BNP to terrorise and intimidate Muslims in Glasgow.

We need to turn out and tell the 'Scottish Defence League' that they are not wanted on our streets in our communities. We must not let these thugs turn the clock back to the 1970s when they ran round the streets terrorising black and

Asian people – or back to the 1930s when Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts targeted Jews in the East End of London.

The fascists of the BNP or the SDL/EDL can only be defeated by mass collective action and solidarity. So Scotland United will be the bringing together of all who wish to live in a multicultural, multiracial, democratic society. We need your voices, your music, your skills and your energy to show the true diversity of our city.

So ask your workmates, friends and family to join our rally. Let's turn Saturday 14th November into a positive peaceful day that Glasgow and Scotland says loud and clear we do not want fascists on our streets, in our communities and we are united.

For more information, leaflets, posters, or to add your name to the growing list of supporters for our unity statement below email [**scotlandunited@gmail.com**](mailto:scotlandunited@gmail.com)

“We the undersigned strongly oppose plans by the 'Scottish Defence League' - a group linked to the fascist BNP - to demonstrate in Glasgow city centre and march on the local mosque.

The SDL is a racist group dedicated to attacking Asian people and Muslims. Islamophobia - bigotry against Muslims - is as unacceptable as any other form of racism. Its aim is to divide us by making scapegoats of one community, just as the far-right did with Jews in the 1930s.

We have a simple message for these racist and fascist groups. We will not let you turn the clock back to the 1970s when their thugs could attack black and Asian people with impunity.

An injury to one is an injury to all – and their attempts to target and scapegoat Muslims will fail.

Today they threaten the Mosque, tomorrow it could be a Synagogue, Temple or Church. Today they threaten Muslims, tomorrow it could be Jewish people, Hindus, Sikhs, black people, lesbians & gay men, trade unionists, travellers or Eastern Europeans.

There is no place for Nazis, racists or the BNP in Glasgow's multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious community. We call on the Leader of Glasgow City Council and the Police to ban the SDL/EDL action.”