

## 5d. New motion: Fighting the far right

### *Conference believes*

1. That while the BNP is in disarray, the far right remains a serious threat.
2. That the EDL is able to mobilise thousands on the streets, and is preparing to enter electoral politics in alliance with a BNP split, the British Freedom Party.

### *Conference further believes*

1. That the conditions feeding the far right are:
  - Widespread racism in society, encouraged by a Tory government and press which promote the idea that immigration is a major cause of social problems;
  - Huge cuts and perceptions of a struggle for scarce resources, which the far right is actively exploiting;
  - A Labour Party which has failed to challenge the Tory narrative on immigration or on cuts;
  - A labour movement which has so far been unable to challenge the Tories.
2. That we need an anti-fascist movement which:
  - Is genuinely democratic, allowing activists to debate the way forward;
  - Relies on mass mobilisation to drive the EDL etc off our streets, instead of calling for state bans;
  - Unites workers', community and students' organisations for demands which can undercut the social demagoguery of the far right: black and white, all religions and none, British-born and migrant – unite and fight for jobs, homes and services for all.

### *Conference resolves*

1. To produce dedicated NUS anti-fascist materials which include this perspective.
2. To fight for these ideas in any anti-fascist campaign NUS affiliates to.