# **ANTI-FASCIST NETWORK**

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# COMMUNITY SELF-DEFENCE

Anti-fascism needs to evolve to meet this rapidly changing threat from the far-right. We need an anti-fascist movement which is inclusive, comes from the ground up and is committed to direct action and community self-defence against the fascists.

The Anti-Fascist Network is a network of independent, grassroots groups working together against the rise of racism and fascism in our communities.

#### **MASS DIRECT ACTION**

We recognise that we cannot rely on others to keep us safe from racists and fascists – it is up to us to organise together to defeat the far-right. They get their power from being able to mobilise on

the streets. We believe in opposing them there and confronting them in numbers. But effective anti-fascism needs all sorts of actions, from handing out leaflets to holding community meetings as well as turning out on demonstrations.

## **WE GO WHERE THEY GO**

Wherever fascists raise their heads we will be there to oppose them. We don't believe in ignoring them or staying away from them. The aim of the network is to support these local actions and to join together to counter regional and national far-right events, ensuring maximum numbers on the streets as well as sharing resources, information and experience.

### STRONGER TOGETHER

The Anti-Fascist Network is non-hierarchical, will never work with the police and is not affiliated to any political party. We are not about telling people how to campaign in their areas, what type of anti-fascist activity they should undertake or what political analysis they should adopt. We are all about joining forces and cooperating to defeat racism and fascism.

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