



After the march: how to defeat the far right

The far right is organising now. Tommy Robinson has called his next demonstration for 16 May – the same day as the Nakba Day march for Palestine. That is no accident. The far right wants to intimidate migrants, Muslims, and the whole labour movement. It wants to control the streets. It must be stopped.

Labour won't stop it. Every concession to racist politics strengthens the racists. Every time the government talks about migrants as a threat, every time it boasts about deportations and crackdowns, every time it accepts the language of the right, it gives the far right a lift. Starmer and his ministers are not cutting the ground from under the racists. They are paving their way.

But one-off marches are not enough either. We need mass anti-racist mobilisations, and we should build them. We need big turnouts, visible unity and determined opposition on the streets. But people cannot be called out one day, sent home the next, and told the danger is dealt with. The far right is organising all the time. Anti-racists have to organise all the time too.

Racism is their weapon

Racism is not just ignorance or wrong ideas. It is a weapon of

class rule. The rich want workers blaming migrants, refugees and minorities for the crisis their system has created: low pay, bad housing, collapsing services, insecure work and endless war. They want anger turned sideways, against the vulnerable, instead of upwards, against the bosses, landlords and politicians responsible.

That is why moral appeals are not enough. 'Love' and 'hope' will not stop fascists. Liberal anti-racism does not answer the lies that are poisoning parts of our class. We have to answer them directly and politically. Migrants did not break the NHS. Refugees did not cause the housing crisis. Muslims did not create poverty or unemployment. Capitalism did.

The danger is real because right-wing ideas are finding an audience, including in workplaces and unions. That cannot be ignored or wished away. It has to be confronted patiently, politically and collectively. We need argument in every workplace, college, estate and union branch against the racist lies that divide us.

What we need to build

We need working-class anti-racism. That means trade union branches, tenants' groups, socialist organisations and local campaigns organising together in every town and city. It means building committees that can act, not just issue

statements. It means demanding that union leaders mobilise their members, and where they refuse, building pressure from below to force action.

And when the far right comes onto the streets to spread fear, it must be met by disciplined mass opposition. Our meetings, demonstrations and communities need organised stewarding and self-defence. Anti-racists must not be left exposed while fascists and their allies attack with confidence. The labour movement should defend itself.

A new workers party

But resistance alone is not enough. If racism and fascism are rooted in capitalism, then the answer has to go deeper than protest. We need an anti-capitalist workers' party that can unite our class in struggle, fight for socialism, and give a political lead against every form of racism, nationalism and scapegoating. Without that, the poison will keep returning. With it, we can begin to drive the far right back and strike at the system that breeds it.

The antidote to fascism is not liberal pleading. It is working-class organisation, socialist politics and collective struggle.

**Build a workers united front
Organise self-defence
All out on 16 May**



Their party and ours: organise Your Party

Jeremy Corbyn's slate has won a clear majority on Your Party's new leadership committee. That is a setback for everyone who wants the party built as a democratic, combative organisation. But it is not the end of the story.

The real question remains: what is Your Party for? Is it just another electoral machine, built around parliament, media profile and tightly managed campaigns? A party where members are expected to canvass, deliver leaflets and repeat the line from the top? Or is it something more serious: a real working-class party, rooted in branches, active in unions and workplaces, present in local struggles, and shaped by its members rather than managed over their heads?

That is the division in the party. Not petty factionalism, but a fight over its whole purpose and direction.

More than an election label

If Your Party exists only to stand candidates, it will add very little. The Greens already occupy that ground: a broad left-liberal electoral formation with a big membership and an apparatus geared mainly to elections. A new party built on the same basis, but with different personalities and brand-

ing, would duplicate something that already exists while wasting the real opportunity before us.

That opportunity is to build a party that is not just an electoral label, but an organisation of class struggle.

A party worth building must have real branches with real life. It must be active between elections, not just at election time. It must be visible in anti-racist mobilisations, on picket lines, in housing campaigns, in workplaces and colleges, and in every fight over pay, cuts and living standards.

A working-class party should not just comment on struggles. It should help organise them.

Democracy matters

Some say this argument is just about internal process. It is not. The organisational question and the political question are inseparable.

A party without democracy from below will not remain radical for long. If members are treated as a fan club, branches as a nuisance, and local initiative as something to be controlled, the leadership will adapt quickly to parliament, the apparatus and the electoral cycle. The result will be another hollow shell: plenty of branding, very little political life.

That is why the fight for branches, accountability and democratic control is not sec-

ondary. These questions decide whether the membership shapes the party, or whether the party becomes something done to them from above.

And the proof is already there. Almost everything serious in Your Party so far has come from below: branch meetings, local networks, regional coordination, delegate gatherings and campaigns. That is where the real life of the party has been. That is what must be strengthened.

What now?

The wrong response to this result is to walk away. But time is running out to organise those fighting to build a democratic, socialist and working-class organisation, not a top-down electoral machine.

That means building real branches in every town and city, where members meet, decide, campaign and organise. It means standing candidates in elections, selected by branches and backed by the party, to give confidence and focus to local organisation. And it means turning the party outwards: into workplaces, unions, anti-racist mobilisations, housing campaigns and every struggle over pay, cuts and living standards.

**Build the branches
Fight the elections
Turn to the working class**