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Our structure is anti-authoritarian and non-hierarchical. We oppose discrimination based on race, gender, sexuality, disability or age.

Our activists come from a broad variety of movements, and so we cannot claim to be an “anarchist,” “socialist,” or “communist” movement. However, all of our members agree on two things: that we need working class unity against fascism and that there should be no platform for fascists.

## **Working class unity against fascism**

The success of fascist politics depends on a divided and disorganised working class.

It is only through unity that the working class are only able to defend ourselves, and so it is no surprise that the bosses promote division. In the past, they used women workers against men, blacks against whites, and even Catholics against Protestants. Today it is casual workers against permanent ones and migrants against natives. The weaker groups are ruthlessly exploited, and as a result the stronger groups are undercut and weakened.

It is no accident that fascists promote the same divisions. The first fascist groups were openly formed by the bosses; the later ones were used by them. Fascism is often used as a synonym for racism, but although racism is a tool fascists will employ, this is not the case. It is a weapon, waiting to be picked up and used to divide the workers.

Liverpool Antifascists hold that the only way to resist fascism, and indeed the capitalist exploitation of workers for profit, is for the working class to unite. Bigotry in all forms needs to be opposed, if we are to not be manipulated by our common enemies of fascism and capitalism.

## **No platform**

“No platform” does not mean censorship or state bans.

Fascists relish being able to play the victim, and fascist ideas should be confronted head-on rather than blotted from sight. Moreover, history teaches us that the state will use any mandate to censorship and proscription against the left and the working class far more readily than against the far-right.

Liverpool Antifascists reject the liberal argument that we must appeal to authority in order to make the bad men go away. Fascism is an attack on the working class, and it must be defeated through working class self-defence. We must confront and dismantle their hateful and divisive ideas. We must build a movement to outnumber them and drown them out on the street. We must physically resist them when they try to organise and put their policies into action, or to invade our communities.

This is militant antifascism.

“No platform” is not the form of censorship and state oppression that liberals advocate. It is working class self-defence against the ideas and the force of the far-right.



Liverpool Antifascists was set up by ordinary people just like you to stop the fascists and expose their lies.

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