

# ANTI-RACISM

# MARCH

Sat 27 October, 11.00am  
assemble Balfour Street, Leith

# AND RALLY



Following a series of vicious racist attacks in Edinburgh this year, Stand up to Racism Edinburgh is organising a “Leith Stands Up To Racism” march and rally on October 27 to say refugees and migrants are welcome here and no to racist attacks in our multicultural community. Last month over 300 people came out to support a peace vigil in response to the firebombing of the Sikh temple in Leith, which police are treating as an alleged hate crime. Earlier in the year two young Polish men were assaulted in Davidson Mains, while young Syrian refugee Shabaz Ali was stabbed six times in a racially motivated attempted murder in Fountainbridge. Across Britain and beyond we are witnessing an alarming growth of racism and the threat posed by the far right. Migrants and refugees are being scapegoated for the effects of austerity, while EU nationals are used as bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations.

The release of fascist ex-BNP and ex-EDL leader Tommy Robinson from prison has boosted their confidence to take to the streets. Senior Tories like Boris Johnson attacking Muslim women will only increase Islamophobia and further encourage racist assaults.

If we are to defeat racism, we need a united movement of everyone who opposes it. Saturday October 27 will give us a chance to show we will not be silent.

Migrants and refugees are not responsible for cuts in our services, or for the lack of decent jobs or houses. They do not make the political decisions that decide what services are cut, what houses are built, or what wages are paid. We have to fight for unity and not let racism divide us.

The Leith Stands Up To Racism march will be followed in the afternoon by a free Love Music Hate Racism gig, open to all who oppose racism and want to celebrate our rich cultural diversity.