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United We Stand: Tackling Racism

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As massive spending cuts threaten all communities, some seek to scapegoat ethnic minorities, refugees and migrants. A uniquely experienced panel discusses how to stay united and fight racism, hatred and prejudice.



Jeremy Corbyn MP
Mark Serwotka – PCS General Secretary
Zita Holbourne – PCS Exec & co-Chair BARAC
Michael Abatan – Justice for Jay
Stafford Scott – racial equality campaigner
Nic Eadie – Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group
Chris Whitwell – Friends, Families & Travellers



7pm - 9.30pm, Tuesday 22 May 2012
Brighthelm Church & Community Centre
North Road, Brighton BN1 1YD
£10 waged; £5 concessions



The LRC is an open, democratic and socialist organisation on the Labour left.

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Notes for editors

Jeremy Corbyn MP has been the Labour MP for Islington North since 1983, is a lifelong anti-racist campaigner, has recently launched Islington Unite Against Fascism, and sits on the Justice Select Committee. See: www.jeremycorbyn.org.uk

Mark Serwotka has been the General Secretary of the **Public and Commercial Services Union** (PCS) since 2000 and was one of the first trades union leaders to support Justice for Jay. The UK's largest civil service union, **PCS** is in conference at The Brighton Centre from 21-25 May 2012. See: www.pcs.org.uk

Michael Abatan is the brother of Jay Abatan, a PCS member killed by a racist attack in central Brighton in January 1999. Four men were promptly identified but have never been prosecuted. Was institutional racism a factor? Michael founded **Justice for Jay** to campaign for Jay's killers to stand trial. In October 2010 an inquest found that Jay was unlawfully killed. See: www.justiceforjay.co.uk

Zita Holbourne is co-Chair of **Black Activists Rising Against Cuts** (BARAC) & a PCS National Executive member. **BARAC** campaigns against the disproportionate impact of cuts on black people: www.blackactivistsrisingagainstcuts.blogspot.com

Stafford Scott co-founded the Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign in 1985 and is now a consultant on racial equality and community engagement. T: @StaffordScott_

Nic Eadie administers the **Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group** (GDWG), which provides emotional and practical support to asylum seekers and immigration detainees in the Gatwick area. **GDWG** seeks to improve conditions, inform policy and challenge negative images of asylum seekers. See: www.gdwg.org.uk

Chris Whitwell is the Director of **Friends, Families and Travellers** (FFT). **FFT** seeks to end racism and discrimination against Gypsies and Travellers, whatever their ethnicity, culture or background, whether settled or mobile, and to protect the right to pursue a nomadic way of life. See: www.gypsy-traveller.org



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