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We are Norwich: United against the English Defence League

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Union Notes:

1. The English Defence League is a violent fascist organisation with links to far right groups across Europe.
2. The EDL will be marching in Norwich on 10th November 2012, in support of Norwich Reformed Church, which was banned from leafleting council property for handing out homophobic and Islamophobic literature.
3. 'We Are Norwich', a "rainbow coalition of faith groups, trade unions, political parties and community organisations" has announced it will hold a peaceful counter-demonstration.
4. UEA Union of Students has policy opposing racism and in favour of ethnic and religious equality.

Union Believes:

1. We remain committed to multiculturalism and equality.
2. Left unchecked, the EDL have previously brought violence and destruction to the streets, homes and businesses of ordinary people.
3. Opposing fascism is therefore in all our members' interests.
4. The UUEAS stands in solidarity with all community groups and trade unions opposing fascism.
5. We should encourage students to unite with the community against the EDL and other such groups.

Union Resolves:

1. To affiliate to 'We Are Norwich'.
2. To publicise support for 'We Are Norwich' and for their event on the 10th of November.