

HOPE not hate

Celebrating modern Britain
exposing the extremism behind the BNP



“ A lot of people find the sight of two grown men kissing in public really creepy. I understand that homosexuals don't understand that, but that is how a lot of us feel ... ”

NICK GRIFFIN leader of the British National Party,
BBC Question Time, 2009

OUR Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans community has consistently come under attack from the British National Party. It is hardly surprising that a party built on hatred is also virulently homophobic.

When the BNP was founded in 1982 one of its policies was to criminalise homosexuality. Although that policy is no more, it still voices the belief that our sexuality should stay behind closed doors, calling for “a ban on public display and promotion of homosexuality, including in schools and in the mass media”. The BNP demands a new, stronger section 28-style law and would scrap civil

partnerships, bring the age of consent to 21 and allow same-sex couples to adopt children only as a “last resort”.

Supporting his party's view on a new section 28 measure Griffin explained in an interview with *The Observer*:

“There's plenty of people making soap operas that present homosexuality as a wonderful lifestyle, which as a matter of fact it very often isn't. But plenty of people promoting it are heterosexual. So if you fined or even imprisoned a BBC filmmaker for breaching those laws, then it's not persecuting a homosexual necessarily, it's persecuting someone for breaking those laws.”



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Standing together for HOPE

THE BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY is a threat to our community not only because we are LGBT; the BNP is a threat to our diversity. Racism is a depressing issue for our community and fascist organisations such as the BNP and the English Defence league will stop at nothing to divide us.

Before David Copeland, a former BNP member, blew up the Admiral Duncan Pub in Soho killing three people and injuring 80 more on 30 April 1999 he had also tried to set off bombs in Brick Lane in the East End of London and Electric Avenue, Brixton. His attack showed us that we need to stand together with our black, Asian and other ethnic minority brothers and sisters if we are to achieve true liberation.

Success through action

The general and local elections on 6 May 2010 saw HOPE not hate's biggest and strongest campaign ever, making sure the BNP did not win a single seat in Parliament. Our success in wiping out 26 of the 28

council seats the BNP was defending shows that community organising backed up by a strong online communications strategy works. From organising mass leafleting to bespoke community events, we work with trade unionists, political parties, people of faith and community champions.

Our message is a message of HOPE through collectivism, a message that we can stop the advance of the far right not just in our country but in Europe and the rest of the world.



Time to act

Although the 2010 elections saw the tide turn on the BNP, it still has **two Members of the European Parliament, 28 councillors and one London Assembly member**. There's no room for complacency, there is still much work to do and you can start today by signing up to HOPE not hate.

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