

# Briefing



To: **Branch Secretaries**  
**Workplace Representatives**

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## **2018 United Nations Anti-Racism Day – Stand Up To Racism demonstrations – 17<sup>th</sup> March - London, Cardiff and Glasgow**

Dear Colleague

To coincide with the **United Nations International Anti-Racism day** *Stand up to Racism* are organising events to take place on 17 March 2018 in London, Cardiff and Glasgow.

In January the NEC agreed that PCS would add their support to these events and are keen to build for a good mobilisation of PCS members at all three events on the day.

We are now just under a month away from the mobilisations. The **London** event is a national demonstration and rally being promoted under the heading of *March against racism*.

In Scotland and Wales there will be a march and rally in both **Glasgow** and **Cardiff**.

Regional and local rallies with high profile speakers are ongoing to help build for the largest possible attendance at all three events on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The previous four annual mobilisations were the largest anti-racist demonstrations in two decades and PCS played a major role in the organisation of these events.

The rise in hate crime and vitriolic attacks on migrants and refugees since the EU referendum means it is even more important this year for these, annual anti-racist mobilisations to be large, loud and noticed. PCS wants our members to

take to the streets in numbers to show we stand in solidarity with refugees and migrants and against racism, fascism, islamophobia and anti-semitism.

### **Branch PCS banners**

Branches are encouraged to bring branch banners. PCS placards, and flags will be available from the meet up point at all three demonstrations on the day. **The London PCS contingent will be led by the union's samba band.**

### **Stewards**

PCS will be providing stewards to assist with the running of all three demonstrations and to assist with the distribution of PCS specific materials on the day. Branches and Regions are asked to encourage members to act as stewards wherever possible.

In London stewards will need to be available at Portland Place from 11am on the morning of the demonstration in readiness for a stewards' briefing. Please contact [campaigns@pcs.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@pcs.org.uk) if you wish to volunteer.

See [www.standuptoracism.org.uk](http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk) for details on rallies and coaches and contact your regional office for details on transport to any of the three events from your region.

### **Details: Saturday 17 March 2018**

**London** Assemble 12 noon Portland Place, London W1A 1AA to march to Parliament Square.

<http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/march-racism-un-anti-racism-day-saturday-17-march-2018/>

Local transport details here on SUTR website,

<http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/transport-march-racism-17-march-2018/>

**Cardiff** Assemble 12-30 pm Grange Gardens, Corporation Road, Cardiff, CF11 7LJ

For more info go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/744870925704664/>

**Glasgow** Assemble 11-30am Holland Street Glasgow

[https://www.facebook.com/events/126173864715800/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/126173864715800/?active_tab=about)

Given the rise in hate crime and the humanitarian crisis which continues to unfold around refugees support for these demonstrations and rallies are more important than ever. Please help to play your part in making Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> a successful and effective day of standing up to racism and supporting refugees. Let's show that Theresa May does not speak for us when she blames migrants and refugees for the problems cause by austerity and the financial crisis, and that we are united against racism, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

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