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***Anti-racism* at the European Social Forum 2004**

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

The European Social Forum gathers in London for the third time between the 14th and the 17th October. Alexandra Palace in North London and the Bloomsbury area of central London will see hundreds of events attended by thousands of people from all over Europe and beyond.

**Over 30
plenaries,
seminars, and
workshops on
racism**

The ESF is the first such gigantic gathering at a European level to take place in Britain. It represents a crucial opportunity to create new links between organisations, take part in lively discussions on topics as varied as racism and the threat of fascism, global social justice and the environment. From debates to films, music and exhibitions, the ESF will offer a space for everyone under the slogan 'another world is possible'.

The National Assembly Against Racism has been working relentlessly to ensure the London ESF reflects London's diverse communities, both in their participation and the issues debated at the ESF. This leaflet highlights some aspects of the programme relevant to our movement.

For full details of all sessions and for registration visit www.fse-esf.org.

2004
european social forum
for another Europe in another world

**from 14 to 17 October @ Alexandra
Palace and Bloomsbury, London**

anti-racism at the European Social Forum

Highlights from the anti-racist theme

ESF anti-racism plenaries

There will be four plenaries
at the ESF on anti-racism:

● **Friday 15 October, 1-3pm**

**Alliances we need to
defeat racism**

Speakers include Marion Douglas – Alliance of People of African Descent in Europe, Lee Jasper – Secretary of NAAR, Anuar Ektbal from Greece, Paolo Beni from Italy

● **Saturday 16 October, 9-11am**

**Muslims in Europe –
perspectives and
challenges**

Including Siham Andaloussi from France, Anas Altikriti – Muslim Association of Britain

● **Saturday 16 October,
11.30am-1.30pm**

**For asylum, refugee and
migrant rights**

including Comfort Afolabi from Britain, Claire Rodier from France

● **Saturday 16 October, 7-9pm**
**Stop fascism and the far
right in Europe**

including Ken Livingstone, Pal Aradi from the Roma community in Hungary, Esther Ben Bessa from France

*all plenaries: Alexandra
Palace*

There will be a total of 23 seminars and many more workshops on the theme of racism during the ESF!

NAAR seminars

In association with many other European and British organisations, NAAR has co-ordinated four seminars at the ESF, all in Alexandra Palace:

● **Friday 15 October, 7-9pm**

**Cultural diversity,
multiculturalism or
integration?**

Speakers include Karen Chouhan – 1990 Trust, Jean-Pierre Dubois – Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, Lee Jasper – National Assembly Against Racism.

Organised by NAAR, London UNISON, 1990 Trust and Ligue des Droits de l'Homme

● **Saturday 16 October, 9-11am**

Criminal justice and racism

Frances Crook – The Howard League for Penal Reform, Nicola Duckworth - Europe and Central Asia program, Amnesty International (UK), Lee Jasper, Leroy Logan – Metropolitan Black Police Association, Dominique Nogueres – Ligue des Droits de l'Homme, Bernard Renwick – Roger Sylvester Justice Campaign.

Organised by NAAR, Amnesty International UK, The Howard League for Penal Reform, Ligue des Droits

de l'Homme, with the support of Liberation, Operation Black Vote, National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education

● **Saturday 16 October,
11.30am-1.30pm**

**Hijab: a woman's right to
choose**

Raghad Altikriti – Muslim Association of Britain, Shami Chakrabarti – Liberty, Christine Delphy – Collectif Ecole Pour Toutes et Tous, Tariq Ramadan – Collectif des Musulmans de France, Arlene Rodrigues – Assembly for the Protection of Hijab, Salma Yaqoob – Stop the War Coalition

Organised by NAAR, Muslim Association of Britain and Stop the War Coalition, with the support of Assembly for the Protection of Hijab, Collectif des Feministes pour l'Egalite, Collectif des Musulmans de France, Collectif Ecole pour Toutes et Tous, London Pakistani Network, Muslim Council of Britain, National Union of Students Black Students Campaign, 1990 Trust

● **Saturday 16 October,
4.30-6.30pm**

**The end of asylum rights in
Europe?**

Comfort Afolabi – Detainee Support and Help Unit, Pastor Joachim K. Bekou – African Refugees and Migrants Association, Bharti Patel – The Refugee Council, Claire Rodier – GISTI, Catherine Teule – Association Europeenne de Defense des Droits de l'Homme.

Organised by NAAR, Respect Trust, Association Europeenne de Defense des Droits de l'Homme, with the support of British Association of Social Workers, European Council on Refugees and Exiles (European), ESF refugee and asylum network, Greater London Authority, The Green Party, Immigration Advisory Service, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, Liberation, Praxis, The Refugee Council, Student Action For Refugees, Swansea Bay Asylum Seekers Support Group

Other events

● Friday 15 October, 1-3pm

Students united against racism

Workshop giving a chance for students and young people to discuss how we are affected by the rise in racism, and to plan actions to challenge it.

Organised by Student Assembly Against Racism, Federation of Student Islamic Societies, NUS Black Students' Campaign, National Black Students' Alliance, Student Action for Refugees.

● Saturday 16 October, 11:30-1:30pm

Ireland: living with racism and sectarianism

Workshop organised by the Wolfe Tone Society

● Saturday 16 October, 2-4pm

Fighting the far right and fascism in Europe

Organised by Unite Against Fascism

● Saturday 16 October, 7-9pm

Justice and equality for young black people

Workshop organised by NUS Black Students Campaign, National Black Students Alliance, National Black Alliance, Operation Black Vote, 1990 Trust, Black Londoners Forum

● Sunday 17 October, 9-12noon

Africans in Europe

Organised by the Africa Centre, National Black Alliance and Africa Strategic and Peace Research Group

● Sunday 17 October, 9-12noon

Challenging racism in education

Karen Chouhan – 1990 Trust, Pav Akhtar – NUS Black Students Officer, Alliance of Public Personages for Roma Gypsies, Anne Delbende – UNEF, Horst Bethge – Educators for Peace, Rosa Canadell – USTEC, Aydin Mehmet Ali – Day-Mer Turkish and Kurdish Community Centre

Chairs: Mary Compton - President NUT, Roger King - Executive member NUT



Cultural and allied events

Friday 15 October 6-10pm, Friends Meeting House, Euston Road.

Film: **The Battle of Algiers**, followed by discussion with Ahmed Ben Bella, the leader of the Algerian liberation movement and former President of Algeria.

Saturday 16 October, 4-5.45pm, Alexandra Palace

Film: **Injustice**, powerful documentary about deaths in custody, followed by discussion with the filmmaker and families of those who died in the hands of the police.

Saturday 16 October, 6-10pm

Music: LMHR, Ethical Threads and Unite Against Fascism.

Europe Against Fascism @ The London Astoria, W1.

A massive benefit concert for UAF and LMHR: an eclectic night representing European music at its multicultural best, uniting against racism and fascism.

Tickets: £12 / ESF delegates £6

There will be two other events by UAF – details on UAF website www.uaf.org.uk.

Other sessions will include:

- Travellers, gypsies and Roma rights
- Migrant workers
- Deaths in custody
- Refugee women

Help the **ESF** by offering free accommodation to interpreters and delegates.

For full details of the programme, to register in advance to attend this major anti-racist event in Britain, visit **www.fse-esf.org**.

For more information, do not hesitate to contact us by phone on 020 7247 9907, by email at **info@naar.org.uk** or visit our website at **www.naar.org.uk**.



Make an anti-racist pledge today:

Join NAAR



The National Assembly Against Racism campaigns against racism in all its manifestations. With national black organisations playing a leading role – in alliance with the Jewish and Muslim communities, the trade unions, the student movement, religious groups and many others, NAAR has set about building a mass anti-racist movement uniting all those who believe racism must be fought and not appeased.

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Affiliation rates: Individuals waged: £10 unwaged/students: £3; Organisations Local unfunded: £15; National unfunded/regional/local funded: £25 National trade unions/funded organisations: £65. Please make cheques payable to NAAR and return to: NAAR, 28 Commercial St, London E1 6LS.

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