

Unite to fight the BNP

The election of BNP councillors and the rise in the vote for far right Nazi parties in England is shocking. But we shouldn't be surprised.

Millions of people are disillusioned with this Labour government because they have failed to deliver decent jobs, schools, health and housing to the people who voted them in.

Even worse, as New Labour has adopted Tory policies, so they've fanned the flames of racism, by joining in the scapegoating of asylum seekers. This is why the BNP has seen its vote rise.

Blair is determined to carry on with his programme of privatisation and cuts. He is still committed to SATs, foundation hospitals, student tuition fees, and the continuing privatisation of housing and public services. Even if he is replaced by Gordon Brown, it will be more of the same. He is after all the person who is the primary architect of cuts and privatisation.

The local elections showed there are millions of former Labour voters who will not vote Labour for the foreseeable future because of the war on Iraq.

We need to unite to oppose the BNP. We need trade unionists and people from community to take up the arguments against the BNP. But we also need to do more than oppose and expose the BNP. We need to give working class people hope that there is an alternative to war, privatisation and cuts.

The May elections showed that where socialists were able to establish themselves as a credible alternative, we could attract a lot of support.

In Scotland, the Scottish Socialist Party had six MSPs elected and two councillors. In England, the Socialist Alliance saw its first councillor elected in Preston and had many other very good votes.

In June 2004 there will be European and local elections across the UK. We believe all who oppose privatisation, racism and war need to get together as soon as possible to provide a united socialist electoral challenge to Blair and New Labour. And only if we do this will we be able to push the BNP back into the gutter out of which its leadership has crawled.

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① Tax the rich to fund public services

② Stop privatisation & renationalise the rail

③ Stop foundation hospitals

④ Defend council housing & comprehensive education

⑤ Stop attacks on asylum seekers & fight racism

⑥ Stop Bush & Blair's war drive

⑦ Put people before profit

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