

Radical antiracist initiative

rs21 notes that:

- Anti-racism and internationalism have been part of the politics of rs21 since its inception. rs21 members across the country are involved in anti-racist struggles and campaigns, and rs21 have voted to support the work of anti-racist and migrant solidarity initiatives on several occasions. Many of our members are on the receiving end of racism in their workplaces and daily lives, or subject to migration controls which increase their precarity as workers and residents in the UK.
- Following the EU referendum, rs21 called a demonstration in East London to oppose racism and defend migrants against the upsurge in racist abuse and policy. The demonstration was co-called by groups including Movement for Justice by Any Means Necessary, Brick Lane Debates, London Antifascists, Razem Londyn and Jewdas. It was generally felt to be a success, bringing together 1200-1500 protestors from diverse backgrounds and returning a sense that we have the collective power to fight racism, even after the referendum campaign's racism and xenophobia.
- After the protest, members of the groups who had called the demo came together to launch a radical antiracist initiative. This initiative has gathered momentum, and now aims to become a radical pole of attraction for antiracist activists in London today. It refuses the compromises of liberal antiracism, rejecting the divisive separation of migrants from refugees, capitulation to immigration controls, Islamophobic rhetoric, and liberal support for imperialist wars.
- As one of its founding actions, the group agreed to host a day-long forum to help cohere a movement against racism through discussion, information-sharing and skills-sharing workshops. Due to difficulties with venues, the original forum on 13th August had to be run with a reduced programme, but it still attracted around 50 people from a large cross-section of campaigns and organisations and had several productive discussions and organising sessions.
- Now, the full forum is being rescheduled for early October with the name of Everyone Who Is Here Is From Here. The organisers hope for it to attract between 300 and 500 people. Many members of rs21 are involved in organising the event.
- The initiative hopes to continue its work by producing accessible antiracist propaganda for a general audience in unions, universities and other political organisations.

rs21 believes that:

- Following the referendum, a change in public attitudes towards immigration has highlighted the failure of liberal antiracist politics to challenge racism and anti-migrant bigotry effectively.
- Revolutionary socialists should be doing all they can to challenge this spike in racism and to put the case for an uncompromising no-borders politics which does not distinguish between migrants and refugees, and which recognises the role of capitalism in establishing and maintaining racism across the world.

rs21 resolves to:

- Give £200 to the Everyone Who Is Here Is From Here forum to help cover costs. This would go towards the venue (£750 for the ideal option).
- Promote the Everyone Who Is Here Is From Here forum on social media and build for it in our own groups and communities.
- Support the antiracist initiative's work and encourage rs21 members to get involved and attend its events and organising meetings.