

Green Socialist Alliance amendment Full Council motion, 16th March 2026

Support for the Together Alliance

Proposer: Cllr Mason

Seconder: Cllr M Blake

This Council notes -

- The voices of division in our country are growing louder. The divisive and racist rhetoric of extremism is an increasingly common presence online and on our streets.
- Their false promises seize on the very real economic problems people face, in order to scapegoat migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Muslims, Jews, and other faith and global majority communities.
- It is, therefore, incumbent upon every tier of government to deliver policies and investment that address the many challenges our communities face, tackling wealth inequality and rejecting all forms of racism and discrimination.
- A new campaign, the Together Alliance, supported by UK charities, trade unions, civil society organisations and politicians is offering a platform of “love, unity and hope” to oppose the far right and the politics of division.
- We recognise that the Government’s changes to refugee and asylum seekers regulations, reduces refugees rights, separates families and results in increased hostility to refugees, many who live in Haringey and that 80% of our population oppose the changes being made by this Government

This Council believes -

- London is the greatest, most diverse city in the world. Our progressive, inclusive agenda has the full backing of London Mayor, Sadiq Khan.
- We can change things together. We must show that strength lies in solidarity with our communities, and that the change we need comes from us working together.
 - Together we can reject narratives of division and racism.
 - Together we can build solidarity across communities.
 - Together we can unite against the far right and against the introduction of new reduced rights for refugee and asylum seekers introduced by this Government.

This Council resolves to –

- Renew our commitments as a Borough of Welcome, and work with residents to develop our new Welcome Strategy – ensuring anyone who calls Haringey home is treated with dignity and respect.
- Endorse the Together Alliance’s message of “hope over fear” ahead of their planned demonstration in London on 28th March 2026.
- Continue to work with our community networks and Multi-Faith Forum to challenge national narratives: building unity and tackling xenophobia, antisemitism, islamophobia, anti-black racism and all forms of discrimination.
- Work with anti-racist and human rights campaign groups opposing hate groups assembling in our city.
- Declare Haringey a “borough of Sanctuary’
- Join and support the Together with Refugees coalition of over 600 organisations, which calls for a fair new plan for refugees that:
 - Ensures protection for people fleeing war and persecution by upholding the UK’s commitment under international law to the right to claim asylum.
 - Provides a proper strategy for welcoming refugees, who do so much to enrich our society, by ensuring fair, rapid decisions on their application for asylum, and the chance to rebuild their lives through settling in a community.
 - Forges stronger global cooperation to tackle the root causes that force people to flee their homes and provides positive solutions when they do, including through safe routes to refugee protection.