

North London Unity Assembly Demonstration GIVE OUR KIDS A FUTURE !

Saturday 13th August
Assemble Gillet Square,
Dalston, N16 at 1pm.

March to Tottenham Green,
N15



Our communities need a united response to both the riots and the causes of despair and frustration that can result in riots.

We call for:

- **A Culture of valuing, not demonising youth and unemployed people.**
- **Support for those affected by the rioting, including the immediate re-housing of people made homeless as well as grants for affected small businesses.**
- **Community led regeneration and restoration of damaged areas.**
- **Reversal of all cuts to youth services in our boroughs.**
- **No cuts to public services! Instead, investment into and regeneration of our communities, including housing, jobs, education and sports facilities.**
- **An independent community inquiry into policing methods in our boroughs, and an end to discriminatory stop and search.**
- **Availability of legal support for all those arrested by police - young people face potential sentences that will affect them, their families and their wider communities for years to come. Recommended solicitors are: Bindmans 02078334433, Hodge Jones & Allen: 07659111192**

We are responding to the events of the last few days, in particular the Tottenham protest over the killing of Mark Duggan and the riots that followed in Tottenham and Hackney.

By coming together and calling for unity we want to encourage all sections of our local communities, young and old, black and white, residents and workers, to work together to find solutions to some of our long-standing problems.

We know there are all kinds of strong feelings and differing views. We do not claim to represent the whole community, but merely seek to promote unity in the communities in which we live.

Simply labelling rioters as opportunistic criminals does little to relieve tensions and provides a poor explanation for the worst riots in decades. While the shooting of Mark Duggan provided the trigger, against a background of oppressive policing, especially towards ethnic minorities, the root causes are deeper.

Our communities have been blighted by high levels of deprivation, poverty and lack of opportunity for decades. Inequality is growing and recent funding cuts to local services,

particularly youth facilities, along with rising unemployment, and cuts to EMA and benefits have exacerbated the conditions in which sections of frustrated young people turned to rioting, which unfortunately has resulted in people losing their homes and small/family businesses losing their livelihoods.

Britain is a wealthy country, but with deep inequality. The economic crisis created by greedy bankers and financial speculators is further impoverishing already poor areas like Tottenham and Hackney. The £390 billion of combined wealth of the richest 1,000 people in Britain should be redirected to fund the services we all need.

In the last few months we have seen mass local protests against cuts, student occupations to defend free education, a half-a-million-strong demonstration on March 26, and 800,000 public service workers out on strike on June 30th.

We need to build on these and other inspiring local and national struggles. Let's work together for a decent society, based not on greed, inequality and poor conditions, but on justice, freedom, sharing and co-operation.

North London Unity Demonstration supported by the Haringey Alliance for Public Services, Hackney Alliance to Defend Public Services, Day-Mer (Turkish and Kurdish Community Centre), NLCH (North London Community Centre), Day-Mer Youth, Alevi Cultural Centre, Fed-Bir, Kurdish Community Centre: Roj Women, Halkevi, Gik-Der (Refugee Workers Cultural Association), Britania Peace Council: Hundred Flowers Cultural Centre, TOHUM, Socialist Party, Youth Fight For Jobs, Right To Work, Red Pepper.