

Use your vote to stop racist, far right UKIP

USE YOUR VOTE in local elections on Thursday 2 May and European Parliament elections on 23 May to stop the racist, far right UK Independence Party (UKIP).

Ordinary people must seize the chance to halt the recovery of this poisonous organisation. It has strong links to racist and even fascist groups.

The country is split on the question of Brexit. But the vast majority of people on both sides of the debate oppose racism and the far right.

- UKIP's leader Gerard Batten has led the party in an increasingly far right direction. He describes Islam as a 'death cult' and endlessly scapegoats Muslim people. He recently posed with a convicted far right terrorist and gunrunner, Frank Portinari.
- UKIP is closely linked to the fascist activist Tommy Robinson and



UKIP leader Gerard Batten (right) sharing a platform with the fascist Tommy Robinson (left, former leader of the violent EDL)

the far right group known as the 'Democratic Football Lads Alliance'. Robinson (whose real name is Stephen Yaxley-Lennon) is the former leader of the English Defence League, a violent anti-Muslim group. He is now an adviser to UKIP, and Batten wants him to become a full member of the party.

- Even former UKIP leader Nigel Farage left the party because he says it is becoming 'the new British National Party'. The BNP was a Nazi group



Gerard Batten (left) speaking alongside the notorious Dutch racist Geert Wilders (right) at a rally in support of Tommy Robinson

that achieved significant electoral success in the 2000s.

UKIP is not a normal political party. It helps to lead violent, far right, street demonstrations, alongside its 'adviser' Tommy Robinson. Its supporters have given Nazi salutes on these demonstrations while Batten spoke from the platform.

Batten has failed to condemn violent far right attacks on trade unionists, anti-racists, Muslims – and even police officers.

Local elections take place on 2 May for 270 local councils, and for five directly elected mayors in England. UKIP intends to stand 1,415 candidates. It is also set to take part in European Parliament elections on 23 May.

UKIP is trying to build the type of far right party, aligned to a violent street movement, that we've seen growing across Europe.

It thinks it can make an electoral breakthrough like its far right friends on elsewhere.

Alongside UKIP other far right groups like For Britain and Britain First may also be standing.

These people want to divide our communities and scapegoat migrants, refugees and Muslims for all our problems. We have to stop them.

Let's celebrate our unity and our multicultural society. Use your vote to stop UKIP!

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