

# STAND UP TO RACISM



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## The new far right: who are Generation Identity?

This report has been written by activists from the  
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GI members have links to far right and fascist groups across Europe.

## Who are Generation Identity?

Generation Identity (GI) are a small but w(y)2 1 (nta s)-3 malc 0 Tw 16.697 23 (9 reTj EM- /PTc -0.001 Tw 11

## What do they stand for?

GI claim to be 'non -



## What can we do?

Our campuses and colleges should be free from any racism, staff and students should be able to learn and live without fear from verbal or physical abuse of any kind. The volume of racist harassment and incidents on UK campuses prompted the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) to launch an inquiry late last year. The rise of institutional racism in society has given confidence to racists and far right to target campuses and colleges in order to recruit young people to their violent and poisonous ideas.

GI are not the only far-right group active on campuses. Abusive 'stunts' have taken place at "White T Shirt socials", where students wrote messages to each other making Islamophobic comments, misogynistic and anti-Semitic references denying the Holocaust.

Uniting a broad group of people against the far right whether they be Tommy Robinson and the DFLA, or Generation Identity or Holocaust deniers, or Islamophobic racists can seem overwhelming. Small initiatives, such as petitions to all staff and students, taking a selfie with a group message such as, "No Nazis on our campus", using social media, or doing a campus solidarity walk about taking down posters or stickers in a group, are a good place to start. When far right activists formed a campus-based 'Traditionalist Society' at Lancaster University, the UCU Branch was able to organise brilliant campaign by uniting staff and students, using petitions and meetings on campus. Similar and successful campaigns have taken place at Exeter, Newcastle, Dundee, Bristol and many others.

We have to drive back these openly racist and far right ideas by organising collectively in Universities and Colleges to bring together the largest numbers of staff and students against these poisonous ideas that seek to divide.

University College Union and Stand up to Racism organised a campus tour late last year, which saw hundreds attend workshops, meetings and debates with faith groups, MPS, community organisations as to how we can best unite our forces against those who seek to divide us. We have to continue this work and allow no place for these violent and dangerous ideas to spread.

Please follow the link for more information:

<http://www.standuptoracism.org.uk/the-new-far-right-who-are-generation-identity/>