

Labour Friends of Searchlight seminar

# SILENCING THE BNP

How community campaigning can beat the BNP  
and re-energise your local Labour Party



## Speakers:

- **Derek Simpson**, Gen Sec of Amicus
- **Jon Cruddas** MP
- **Roger McKenzie**, Midlands TUC Reg Sec
- **Ian Austin** MP
- **Nick Lowles**, Searchlight

A dayschool to help you defeat the BNP and rebuild your local Labour Party. What is community campaigning and how can it help you locally? Who votes BNP and why? What are the experiences of other Labour Party campaigns?

## Workshops include

- Identifying and turning out the anti-BNP vote
- Dealing with BNP councillors
- Building partnerships: using community campaigning to engage with voters
- Talking to members: A job for trade unions
- Getting our message across: dynamic and innovative campaigning
- Tackling the tough issues

**The Labour Friends of Searchlight dayschool is a vital introduction to community campaigning and defeating the BNP.**

**£10 per delegate, lunch provided**



Launched in June 2005, Labour Friends of Searchlight was designed to provide information and practical assistance to the Labour Party in the fight against the BNP. We produce regular briefings, background information and intelligence on BNP plans and help organise local anti-BNP campaigns.

Chair: **Frank Dobson.**

Vice-Chair's:

**Jon Cruddas** and

**David Heyes**

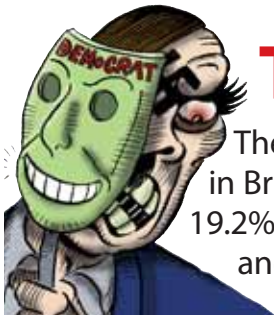
Secretary: **Mike Woods**

Treasurer: **Angela Smith**

**Saturday 11 November 2006**

**10.30am – 4.00pm**

**TGWU Regional Office, Transport House  
211 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1AY**



# The threat

The British National Party is a rising threat in Britain. It has 54 councillors, averaged 19.2% in the 356 wards it contested in May and would win a further 36 council seats on a swing of less than 5%.

The BNP pose a particular threat to the Labour Party. Over 80% of the BNP's target wards are Labour held, as were 28 of the 33 council seats it won in May.

With migration, multiculturalism and Islamic terrorism dominating the political discourse, coupled with rising unemployment, the threat is only going to increase.

The Searchlight dayschool is intended to help local Labour Party's deal with this threat.

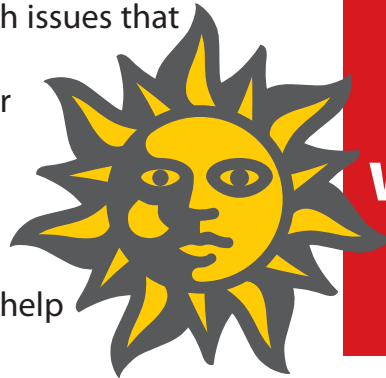
## Community campaigning

Community campaigning means local Labour Party's and trade unions working together with community organisations to defeat the BNP. It is about forming new local partnerships. It is about re-asserting our values of fairness, equality, democracy and tolerance over the BNP's politics of hate.

It is about re-engaging with local voters, addressing their concerns and tackling the tough issues that give rise to the BNP.

Working together with local Labour Parties, our strategy has already reduced the BNP threat in Bradford, Oldham, Keighley and Dudley to name a few.

Community campaigning can also help rejuvenate your local Labour Party.



## What MPs say about Searchlight:

**Without a doubt we would have BNP councillors in Oldham if it wasn't for the hard and brave work of Searchlight.**

**Phil Woolas MP**

**The excellent Searchlight newspaper kickstarted our campaign against the BNP in Dudley.**

**Ian Austin MP**

**Searchlight played a pivotal role in preventing the BNP from winning more seats in Stoke South.**

**Rob Ffello MP**

**We helped them, perhaps we could help you**

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### I would like to attend the LFOS dayschool

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