



COUNCIL MEETING

18 November 2021

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Paul Foy will move the following motion:

Gateshead Council notes that:

In July 2016, the Council passed a motion re-affirming our commitment to combat racism and xenophobia in all forms and recognising the work of Show Racism the Red Card, over 20 years.

The motion stated that 'We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Gateshead Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.'

Unfortunately, the last five years has seen a year-on-year increase in incidents of hate crime in Gateshead.

This year marks 25 years of anti-racism work by Show Racism the Red Card. We congratulate the charity on this occasion and thank them for their work here in Gateshead and nationally. Over the last 25 years, they have educated young people and communities, helping them understand all forms, causes and consequences of racism; equipping them with the skills necessary to be able to challenge racism and discrimination within their everyday lives.

Gateshead is a borough with a proud heritage of diversity and immigration into our communities, we seek to reassure all people within Gateshead that they are valued members of our community and society.

Gateshead Council resolves to:

- 1) Invite Show Racism the Red Card to address a future meeting of the Council.
- 2) Seek to ensure organisations like Show Racism the Red Card have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia, to enable them to offer their programme to every school in Gateshead.
- 3) Take unequivocal action to combat racism and xenophobia in all its forms.

Proposed by: Councillor Paul Foy

Supported by: Councillor Catherine Donovan
Councillor Kevin Dodds
Councillor Martin Gannon