



COUNCIL MEETING

14 July 2016

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor P Mole will move the following motion:

“Council notes 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.

We congratulate the anti-racism charity Show Racism the Red Card on their 20th anniversary and commend their work here in Gateshead to provide young people and adults with a safe space to explore the world around them whilst providing an alternative world view.

Show Racism the Red Card tell us that their education workers have witnessed for some years growing anti-immigrant sentiment and anti-Muslim hatred to add to the older more established racisms. They have highlighted their concerns that migrant communities are being demonised for societal problems which have varied and complex causes and that the recent referendum on the EU was dominated by anti-immigrant sentiment leading many to see it as a referendum on our borders.

We cannot let the EU referendum result boost the confidence of those with racist ideas and attitudes, we cannot allow neo-Nazi organisations to grow and descend upon our communities, we must all stand firm in challenging racism where we see it.

We want to reassure all people living in Gateshead, with our proud heritage of migration and diversity, that they are valued members of our community.

Gateshead Council resolves to:

- 1) Invite Show Racism the Red Card to address a future meeting of the Council
- 2) Seek to ensure local bodies like Show Racism the Red Card and other programmes have the support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia, so as to enable them to be able to offer their programme to every school in Gateshead
- 3) Take action to combat racism and xenophobia.”

Proposed:	Councillor P Mole
Seconded by:	Councillor L Kirton
Supported by:	Councillor A Wheeler Councillor B Goldsworthy Councillor J Lee