Hate crimes on the rise ...

NO TO RACIST ATTACKS
Migrants welcome here

Over recent weeks we've seen a series of horrific racist attacks.

In Milton Keynes this week a pregnant women was racially abused and kicked in the stomach while she was out shopping. Following the attack she lost her unborn baby.

A Polish man, Arkadiusz Jóźwik, was recently killed by a gang in Harlow, Essex. A few days later two more Polish men were attacked.

In Leeds this week a Polish man was assaulted by a gang of 30 people. During the EU referendum politicians on both sides of the debate stoked up racism against migrants and refugees. As Home Secretary, the new Prime Minister Theresa May headed up attempts to blame immigration for every problem. This message was repeated by the right wing press.

It's not surprising against this backdrop that racists can feel more confident to abuse and attack people.

With the press and politicians demonising people who come to Britain, whether to work or to escape wars and poverty, some people can believe the hype and begin to see migrants and refugees as "the enemy". We believe that racism is being used by the Tories and the media to divide working class people.

It's not refugees or migrants who have cut funding to our hospitals and schools or who are to blame for the housing crisis. It's the Tories and their rich friends who have forced austerity on us and who really are to blame.

We won't allow racist violence to take root in our communities. We won't let the racists divide us.

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