

## **Faith and community organisations unite against racist politics**

LONDON – (22nd April 2010) – Recognising the need to make a firm stand against all forms of prejudice and hatred in politics, organisations representing a wide range of Britain’s faith and ethnic communities have united in support of the following pledge:

*“With the approach of the General Election we are all too aware of those political forces who would seek to divide our country by promoting ideologies of racism and prejudice. We are immensely proud of the fundamentally British characteristics of equality, respect and fairness and of British society’s uncompromising rejection of the demonisation of any group, whether religious, ethnic or otherwise.*

*We therefore urge every British citizen to use their vote to support any party of their choice which stands opposed to the destructive politics of hatred, to vote for freedom not fear, partnerships not prejudice, and hope not hate.”*

The pledge unites organisations from across all of British society, including a range of faith-based and minority community bodies. It brings together people of diverse religious affiliations and political persuasions to deliver a clear message to those that seek to divide and cause conflict between people because of their religion, culture or ethnicity: we are united in our opposition to the politics of hate.

*Three Faiths Forum continues to work closely with the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Council for Racial Equality to encourage as many other faith organisations as possible to make this election pledge.*

If there are other national organisations in your faith/ethnic communities that you think might be interested in signing this, please ask them to get in touch with Stephen Shashoua, Director of the Three Faiths Forum [stephen@threefaithsforum.org.uk](mailto:stephen@threefaithsforum.org.uk)

### **The rapidly growing list of organisations that have signed up to the election pledge includes:**

Aliph Aleph UK  
Assembly of Masorti Synagogues  
Board of Deputies of British Jews  
British ORT  
Christian Muslim Forum  
Church of England  
Churches Together in England  
City Circle  
City Hindus Network  
City Sikhs Network  
Coexistence Trust

Community Security Trust  
Resource - The Jewish Employment Advice Centre  
Faith Matters  
Federation of Poles of Great Britain  
Federation of Student Islamic Societies  
Federation of Synagogues  
Friends, Families and Travellers  
Hindu Academy  
Holocaust Educational Trust  
Hope Not Hate  
Institute of Jainology  
Jain Samaj Europe  
JAMI  
Jewish Action & Training  
Jewish Council for Racial Equality  
Jewish Blind and Disabled  
Jewish Care  
Jewish Community Housing  
Jewish Leadership Council  
Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade  
Joseph Interfaith Foundation  
Kick It Out  
League of Jewish Women  
Leo Baeck College  
Liberal Judaism  
London Jewish Forum  
Maccabi  
Methodist Church  
Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board  
Movement for Reform Judaism  
Muslim Council of Britain  
Muslim Safety Forum  
Office of Chief Rabbi  
Operation Black Vote  
Sikh Human Rights Group  
Sikhs in England  
Spanish & Portuguese Jews' Congregation  
St Ethelburga's Centre for Peace & Reconciliation  
Three Faiths Forum  
UJIA  
Union of Jewish Students  
United Synagogue

World Jewish Relief  
Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe

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