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# Stand up to Racism national organising conference - Sunday 19 November

PCS General Secretary, Mark Serwotka, will address the Stand Up to Racism National Organising Conference in central London on 19 November.

The conference will be in person and online and will run from 11am to 4pm.

Called in response to the government's dangerous rhetoric on immigration and asylum seekers, the participatory conference will discuss, share and learn from the experiences of those countering the rise of far-right extremism and set out a way forward for the fight against racism, division and hatred.

PCS, along side organisations like Care4Calais, has been at the forefront of campaigning for safe passage for refugees. [The PCS Safe Passage policy](#), if implemented, would undermine the people trafficking gangs that exploit asylum seekers and stop the dangerous Channel crossing by small boat.

The conference follows on from a vibrant and well-attended demo outside the Home Office HQ on 4 November, which protested the scapegoating language used by government in relation to refugees, and was supported by PCS, alongside SUTR and a range of climate activist and other groups. In particular, the demo called for a halt to the hatred, fear and division being whipped up by senior government figures, such as the then home secretary Suella Braverman, which resulted in the far-right violence we saw near the Cenotaph just a few days later on 11 November.

Other speakers at the conference will include Neville Lawrence, father of murdered Stephen Lawrence, Paul Nowak general secretary of the TUC and Daniel Kebede, general secretary of the NEU. MPs Bell Ribeiro-Addy and Kim Johnson will also address the conference.

The conference will take place in central London, but there is a virtual attendance option for those that can't get there in person. It is open to all, [with registration](#)

starting at £5, and free concessionary tickets available.