

COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY STROUD DISTRICT

“THE LIGHT” AND THE FAR RIGHT



Why do we say that “The Light” is a platform for the far right?

“The Light” portrays itself as “above politics, neither of right nor left, just a defender of freedom”. However, it regularly contains articles by far right individuals and organizations, mixing this material with more innocent content. We are raising awareness of the far right authors and organisations.

Who are these far right people and organisations?

Anne Marie Waters has written for “The Light” several times. Until recently, she was leader of the ‘For Britain’ political party. In 2017, she sought to be leader of UKIP. Her views are so extreme that even Nigel Farage called her and her supporters “Nazis and racists”. Waters was a co-founder with Tommy Robinson of anti-Muslim street movement Pegida UK.

“Lasha Darkmoon” also features in Issue 9 promoting Holocaust denial and describes it as “the number one heresy of our day”. The pen-name Lasha Darkmoon is also used by a frequent contributor to Nazi websites. Their bigotry and conspiracies cover antisemitism and racism towards Muslim people and non-white migrants.

Niall McCrae, is a former lecturer involved in far right organisation Hearts of Oak, with Tommy Robinson, and a frequent contributor to “The Light”.

Another contributor, Robin Tilbrook, was the founder of the far right “English Democrats” Party and the “Workers of England” union.

If “The Light” publishes articles by these people, does it mean that they support their views?

Darren Smith, the editor of “The Light”, described the For Britain Party as one that “wants to preserve its country’s traditions, borders and ancient values” (Interview with Anne Marie Waters Issue 9). He repeatedly downplays the far right connections of people writing in “The Light”. He is gaslighting the readership.

The people handing out “The Light” in Stroud say they support peace and freedom. Are they supporters of the far right?

The people who distribute the paper in Stroud have twice hosted a podcaster who promoted Holocaust denier **Nicholas Kollerstrom**. They have also held two events where **Sandi Adams** has spoken, despite being informed by us that she hosted a Holocaust denial documentary and other antisemitism on her website.

Other people they have hosted include **Jason Liosator**, **Mark Devlin** and **James Delingpole**. In the article linked below we discuss their hateful views. Local “Light” supporters defended the violent attacks on refugees in Liverpool orchestrated by “**Patriotic Alternative**” – an article in issue 31 defended these. Hatred for asylum seekers and refugees is a frequent theme in the paper. They also defend and promote the activity of **Alex Jones**, a far right troll who for years harassed the families of the children murdered at Sandy Hook. They are knowingly actively supporting and promoting the far right.

What can we do?

Four things:

- Inform yourself and your friends and colleagues by reading our article *The Far Right and “The Light”* at communitysolidaritystrouddistrict.org/articles
- Follow our work: facebook.com/communitySolidarityStroudDistrict
- Let your friends know what’s behind “The Light” and where it wants to lead them.
- Join us in making clear our opposition to “The Light” being handed out in Stroud by signing our statement at tinyurl.com/TheLightStatement.

“THE LIGHT”

- Provides a platform for far right ideas, organisations and individuals
- Points to far right websites as reliable sources of information
- Frequently attacks LGBT people, refugees and environmentalists

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