

WHAT IS ANTI-RACIST ACTION?

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) came together to bring people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition to fascism as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society.

Since September 1992 we have been working in schools, in our neighbourhoods, and on the streets to help people organize independent anti-racist groups and to build resistance to fascism. ARA also meets as a large body to co-ordinate actions and campaigns. You're invited! Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided.

ARA also works with other anti-racist groups to develop common strategies to fight white supremacy. While we support those who pressure the government and the courts to move against fascist hate-mongering and violence, our focus is on direct action—grassroots responses to white supremacy where you have the opportunity to act on your outrage at nazi organizing in our city.

So far, ARA has been successful at forcing the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator further underground. No longer can they openly publicize their meetings or march in our streets without fear. But we can't stop now and let them continue to organize and recruit in secret. Fascism is an international movement, supported in many ways by racist police and government policies. It won't be uprooted easily. That's why we have to keep on building.

**When they come for our sisters and brothers,
ARA will be there. WILL YOU?**



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Get informed, knowledge is power
- Destroy racist posters and leaflets
- Make your own anti-fascist posters
- Bring anti-racists to speak in your school
- Confront nazis
- Challenge racist, sexist, homophobic & anti-semitic ideas and comments
- Organize groups in your community
- Join existing anti-racist groups
- Watch for upcoming "Rock Against Racism" gigs and ARA demos

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
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THE NAZI THREAT—HERE AND NOW.

When Nazi Germany was defeated, almost 50 years ago, many believed that Hitler's racist, anti-semitic and homophobic ideas were smashed forever. But fascist movements continue to sprout up all over the world. Sometimes they have gained power, sometimes they have failed to take root and grow because people have fought back.

In Germany and other European countries today, neo-nazi movements are attracting more and more white youth. Nazi skinheads are beating and killing refugees, attacking their homes, and creating a climate of fear and hatred. The government is responding by passing new laws to further restrict immigration — as if refugees and immigrants should be blamed for the violence they endure!

Canadian nazis and white supremacists cheer when they see what is happening in Europe. They want to create the same chaos and fear here. For the past year, local neo-nazi organizations like the Heritage Front have felt strong enough to go public leafletting in neighbourhoods and highschools, holding rallies and marching in our streets.

By day, local neo-nazis pose as peaceful advocates of "equal rights for whites". By night, they show themselves to be a violent gang of thugs who want to relive the Holocaust.

WHAT THEY SAY:

The Heritage Front is literally a "front group" for Canadian white supremacist organizations, including the Ku Klux Klan and the Church of the Creator, a paramilitary group. They use their telephone HATEline to recruit and spew their vile message. They've called for the elimination of lesbians and gay men, the forced incarceration of people living with AIDS, and the closing of Canadian borders to immigrants and refugees. They've also labelled First Nations people who demand

their rights as lazy and drunk. And that's just their public face!

WHAT THEY DO:

- **ARSON:** In March, a neo-nazi campaign of phone and physical harassment of workers at a residence for young women culminated in an arson attack on the home.
- **ASSAULT:** Neo-nazis regularly harass and assault people of colour, First Nations people, people they think are lesbians or gay men, disabled people and street people. In one well-known case last June, a Tamil man was beaten within an inch of his life in downtown Toronto by a skinhead, pumped-up and drunk after a Heritage Front "concert" and rally.
- **VANDALISM:** Targets for nazi graffiti and other types of vandalism have included the Native Canadian Centre, a Holocaust memorial, and a youth centre.
- **WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE....** Last April, the Church of the Creator held a demonstration in Toronto in support of The Order, an American neo-nazi terrorist organization responsible for the assassination of a Jewish radio talk show host in Denver, Colorado.
- **....AND LEADERS LIKE THESE:** Wolfgang Droege, Heritage Front head honcho, is a former leader of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1981, Wolfgang and other KKKlan members were convicted of attempting to invade the Caribbean island nation of Dominica. Their plan was to establish a white republic and cocaine-processing and trafficking centre as a base for the "white revolution" in the United States and Canada. **JUST SAY NO TO DROEGE!**

Fascist organizers are testing us, to see how far they can go. If they can get away with firebombing Toronto residences, what's next? Racist thugs will escalate their campaign of terror and intimidation unless we as united communities say **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THE LIMIT IS HERE AND NOW.**

LISTEN TO THE BIGOTS HOWL—ARA IS ON THE PROWL!

- **ARA IS BORN** (September 92): When the Heritage Front plans a march on the courthouse to support their telephone HATEline, a counter-demo came together with 40 hours notice. We greatly outnumber the fascists, who flee in panic.
- **ROMA RALLY** (November): ARA shuts down a secret Heritage Front rally featuring several prominent neo-nazi speakers. Over 100 humiliated racists are forced to slink out of the building under police escort.
- **QUEERS BASH BACK** (December): After the murder of a Montreal gay man by nazi youth, hundreds march through Toronto's queer community to show that we cannot be intimidated by fascists homophobes.
- **STOP KILLER COPS—REMEMBER TONY VEGA** (January 1993): ARA marches with the Black Action Defense Committee and the Latino/a community to protest the brutal murder of Tony Vega by Toronto police.
- **ANTI-RACIST STUDENT CAMPAIGN** (January): ARA joins the response to fascist recruitment and leafletting in Toronto's highschools with a mass rally at Riverdale School and march through the East End.
- **INFAMOUS COURTHOUSE DEMO** (January): Over 500 people show up at 8am to stop another attempted public display of fascist force. Only 30 neo-nazis dare to show up and march into the courtroom under cover of a mounted police attack on anti-racists.
- **OUT WITH FASCIST FROMM** (April): Hundreds of enraged highschool students march with ARA on the Ministry of Education demanding that Nazi teacher Paul Fromm be fired.
- **REMEMBERING JEWISH RESISTANCE** (April): The Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and ARA commemorate the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising against Nazi occupation.
- **STOP KILLER COPS—REMEMBER IAN COLEY** (May): ARA and the Black Action Defense Committee take Yonge Street demanding an end to racist police violence.
- **ON THE PROWL, ON THE ROAD** (May): ARA Toronto joins with anti-racist forces in Ottawa to shut down a Heritage Front recruitment rally.
- **ATTACK ON THE HATELINE** (June): More than 300 ARA supporters bring the fight against nazis right to their doorstep, exposing the HATEline operational centre, home of Heritage Front propagandist Gary Schipper.
- **STOP RACIST ATTACKS** (June): ARA joins a 2000-strong community march against racist violence.

