

# No Place For Hate Forum, October 24

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**CHALLENGING HATE**  
**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# About HOPE not hate

Our work focuses on:

- the organised far right
- the communities susceptible to them
- the issues and policies which give rise to them.



## Public attitudes

- 3,053 adults aged from 18-65+
- Fieldwork in August 2024
- **55%** agree that **immigration** into Britain has been a **bad** thing for the country
- **34%** think the **arrival of immigrants** in their community has changed it for the **worse**
- **61%** think there is an **increasing amount of tension** between different groups in Britain

# What is behind community tensions?

## CONCERNS:

- **Economic:** jobs, cost of living, competition for resources
- **Cultural:** national and local identity (rooted in subconscious racism)
- **Political:** disenfranchised and downtrodden
- **Social:** local decline, services

# August 2024 riots

# What caused the riots?

## Short term:

- Misinformation spreading around attack
- Existing tensions and activity



## Medium term:

- Return of Tommy Robinson, Andrew Tate to X
- Hostile government rhetoric on immigration

## Long term:

- Post-organisational far right
- Under-regulated social media (Telegram)
- Austerity, local decline, community deprivation

**Braverman:  
Migration  
hurricane  
is coming**

Home secretary attacks celebrity critics, saying 'it isn't their children the criminals will groom'

# The post-organisational far right

- Organic, decentralised actions shared through social media
- As with last year's anti-migrant activism:

“Legitimate concerns” locals ↔

Organised far right

- Membership of an organisation is no longer a good enough predictor for possible violent behaviour.

## **HNH Community Response**

- Communications with LGA, third sector orgs, police forces worked well
- Resource sharing: existing safety and security resources

# Staying Safe amidst Far Right Activity

[Staying safe](#) amidst far-right violence

[Advice](#) for people seeking asylum and refugees (translated into 14 languages)

- What does far-right activity look like?
- What do I do if I think there is far-right activity where I live?

What's the current threat level?

# **Building solidarity and community resilience**

# Context of Resilience

## What do we mean by resilience?

- How much **agency** residents feel
- The extent to which people **positively interact** and connect with others who are different to themselves
- Creating a climate where people feel they are able to respond to incidents and events more effectively

# Moving Forward

- Mutual **sharing of ideas** with others tackling similar issues
- **Connections** to other parts of the community such as local schools, faith groups, etc
- Reporting Hate Crimes
- Acts of **Solidarity**

# Links for Reading

## Research insights

- [Southport update 31.07.24](#)
- [Protests planned 02.08.24](#)
- [Racist Violence Rocks UK 05.08.24](#)
- [Reflections in the wake of the riots 14.08.24](#)
- [Arrests round up 27.08.24](#)
- [The importance of using the term far right 29.08.24](#)

## State of the Nation (policy insights)

- [Southport is a wake-up call for cohesion policy 01.08.24](#)
- [Polling reveals growing divisions in wake of far-right riots 12.08.24](#)
- [The long-term impact of the riots for young people 20.08.24](#)