

IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN LAWRENCE

"Lest we forget"

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

DEFEND OUR
MULTICULTURAL
SOCIETY IN
BRISTOL

Tuesday 25 October 2011

7pm to 9pm

(doors open 6.30pm)

at the Council House

(College Green BS1 5TR)

SPEAKERS

TARIQ MODOOD

Author of *"It's still not easy being British."*

LEE JASPER

Black activist and former senior political advisor
to London Mayor, Ken Livingstone

Admission free but contributions welcome

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A STATEMENT AND EVENT TO WELCOME, CELEBRATE AND DEFEND OUR MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY IN BRISTOL

In the light of negative comments about multiculturalism by politicians at home and abroad, and the recent murderous events in Norway, this open statement and public event is wholly appropriate. It is an opportunity for our community to come together to make a public declaration of our welcoming and defence of the rich diversity in our city, and how we recognise and value the benefits it brings to all of us.

“We welcome our multicultural society and believe the respect and solidarity it is built on is a cause for pride and celebration. It benefits all members of our community here in Bristol, where we aim to make diversity a strength not a weakness.

There is no place for hate and division in our city. We will not accept the tide to be turned back to the days when, through ignorance and fear, people with a different religion, culture or skin colour were scapegoated and treated as inferiors or outsiders.”

The public meeting at the **Council House** on the evening of **25th October** will be part of the very successful series of lectures held in the city over the last 10 years in memory of Stephen Lawrence, the black teenager murdered by racists in 1993.

Tariq Modood, the Director of the University Of Bristol Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship and author of “*Still Not Easy Being British: struggles for a multicultural citizenship*” (2010), is one of the most eminent researchers, writers and speakers on multiculturalism.

Also speaking will be **Lee Jasper**, former senior political advisor to London Mayor Ken Livingstone and a long-standing campaigner against racism, and for social justice.