

## **Open Letter:**

# **We Chose Solidarity and**

# **Protected Each Other.**

# **Stormont Must Follow Our Lead.**

We all deserve to walk down the street and live in our homes in peace, no matter who we are, what our skin colour is, or how we pray.

When the racist violence against our black and brown neighbours took over our streets, the state failed to protect them. But people across Northern Ireland did what we always do - we showed up. People in Newtownabbey, Coleraine, and Belfast knocked on doors to check if their neighbours were okay, brought food and medicine to families who couldn't leave their homes, and gave money to support community groups holding things together.

The same government that failed to protect our migrant neighbours has been failing us all for years too: cutting our services, failing to pass legislation and promoting division.

We demand that the NI Executive delivers on homes, schools, youth, community and public services so that we can all live safe and fulfilling lives. That's exactly why thousands of us chose solidarity and protected each other last week - now it is time for Stormont to follow our lead.



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