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Carl Barat and Pete Doherty issue St Patrick's Day message



The Libertines

Billy Bragg, Franz Ferdinand and MPs sign anti-racism message

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Pete Doherty, Carl Barat, [Franz Ferdinand](#) and [Billy Bragg](#) are among those who have signed a **St Patrick's Day** letter aimed at **London's** Irish community.

Celebrating today's (March 17) saint day, the letter, issued by **Rock Against Racism**, and also signed by MPs, is warning the UK capital's Irish community against voting for the **British National Party** in the forthcoming **London** mayoral election in May.

The right-wing political organisation has apparently issued election literature targeting support from that community.

Warning about the current campaign, the signed letter declares: "We believe that the **BNP** remains an inherently racist organisation; their past and present is based not on nationalism or patriotism, but fascism. The Irish community in Britain and especially in **London** has a long history of involvement in anti-fascist and anti-racist activities. Everyone who rejects the **BNP's** politics of hate has the duty to do everything they can to stop them. We urge the Irish community and all communities in **London** to reject the politics of division and hate in May."

Other signatories to the letter include author **Will Self** and former Irish football internationals **David Kelly** and **Kieron Brady**.

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ChrisL1981

Mar 17, 2008

yeah....that'll work boys...lol stick to writing songs..

alex1419

Mar 17, 2008

lay of them their just trying to help. as we all should be to get rid of the BNP racists

stylishkid_intheriot

Mar 18, 2008

maybe it won't work, but people have got to try and have hope.

better than hearing that pete's in another drug video, and hearing some of the good he's doing.

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