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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Youth Leads UK Response to UK Riots

8 August 2024

Youth Leads UK are appalled and disappointed at the violent race riots that have unfolded on our streets which have targeted Muslims, people of colour and ethnic minorities, while also putting fear into all of our communities.

No one deserves to be discriminated against or attacked for their beliefs. The scenes have been horrific, and we are very concerned with the safety of all young people, of all backgrounds, across the UK.

Our young people, staff and trustees have told us that they are fearful of going about their lives.

At Youth Leads UK, we believe in uplifting and supporting young people. We believe in a community built on compassion, respect, and inclusion, and have no tolerance for discrimination, hate speech, or violence of any kind.

We must stand against all racism. We are proud to work with young people from all backgrounds and beliefs. These shameful riots have no place in society.

We don't want to let fear win or take away these opportunities from our young people. We will continue to deliver our programmes and activities, with some adjustments, to ensure their safety.

We want to remind young people and their families of the following:

- We are here for you - you can call or message us anytime. Our Youth Engagement Team are only a message away.
- We are arranging taxis and facilitating group travel for young people who need it.
- If parents wish to drop off and pick up their young people, **we will reimburse travel costs**, through our expenses system. More info: <https://youthleads.uk/expenses>
- Remember to report any hate crime to the Police via 999, 101 or the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-hate-crime>
- We will continue to share information and resources with young people to assist their wellbeing during this difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Atcha'.

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