

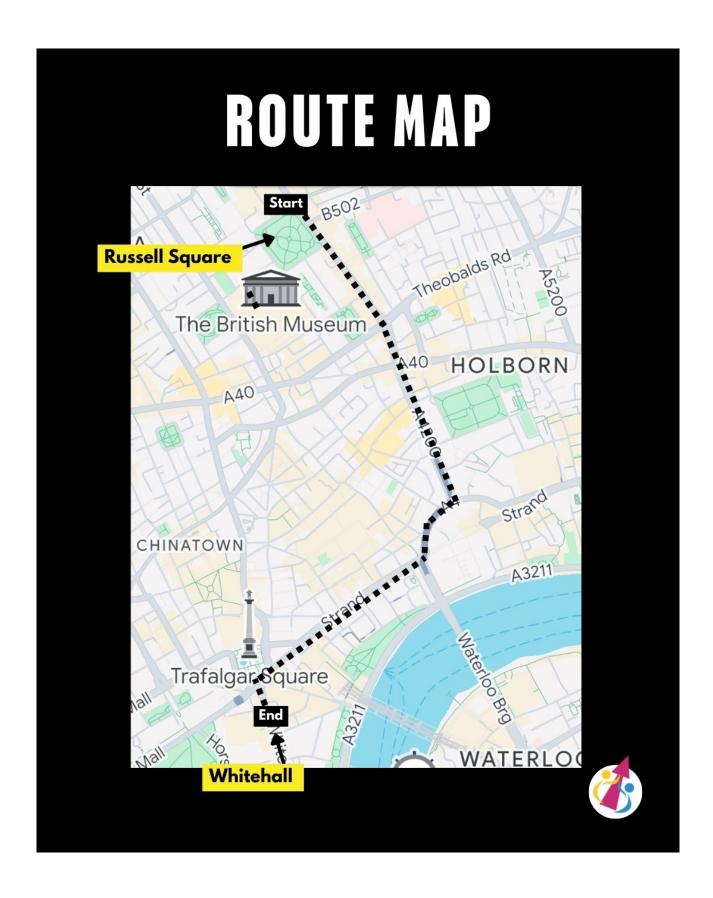
SAFETY BRIEFING

March Against Fascism - Unite Against Against Tommy Robinson 13th September 2025

Introduction

After a summer of far right demonstrations taking place in a toxic climate of racism towards refugees, we anticipate that the Tommy Robinson demonstration will be large and emboldened. Therefore it's important that we mobilise against this hatred and racism and ensure our counter-demonstration is as safe as it possibly can be.

Route of the march and itinerary



Stand Up To Racism through the necessary negotiations with the police has agreed a start location, start time, end point and dispersal routes for our counter mobilisation.

10.30am: Stewards meeting at North East Corner Russell Square 12pm: Advertised assembly time in Russell Square

12.45pm: March begins to form up

1pm: March leaves. Route: Southampton Row, Kingsway, Aldwych, Strand and

Whitehall

1.45pm/2pm: March reaches Whitehall

3.30pm latest: Demo ends, leave via north side of Whitehall

On dispersal all attendees at SUTR demo should leave Whitehall via the north side, towards Trafalgar Square and not hang around in central London.

Transport

COACHES

Coach drop off: Bloomsbury Square Gardens

Coach pick up: The Strand or Pall Mall

LONDON UNDERGROUND STATIONS

Stations to use for assembly point: Russell Square or Euston

Stations to use for speakers heading straight to Whitehall: Charing Cross

Station to use for dispersal: Charing Cross

Stations to avoid: Waterloo, Blackfriars, Victoria and Westminster

Safety of speakers at the rallies

There will be two rallies one before at Russell Square and one after the march at Whitehall.

Russell Square 12.20-12.50pm Whitehall 1.45-3.30pm

Both stages will be surrounded with barriers, staffed with stewards and a paid security team. Only speakers and organisers will have access to this area.

Security

We will have a separate trained professional security team we have worked with over many events who will support the work of our stewarding team. Our security team are effective at dealing with any potential attempts by the far right to target our demonstration.

Stewarding

There is going to be an extensive stewarding operation with a team of very experienced chief stewards. Unions and organisations are invited to where possible provide an allocated steward representing their organisation.

All stewards will receive a Stand Up To Racism hi vis jacket.

LEAD DEMONSTRATION ORGANISERS:

Weyman Bennett 07734032314 Sabby Dhalu 07494876163

CHIEF STEWARDS:

Lewis Nielsen 07770923809 Samira Ali 07775923052 Julie Sherry 07795 412932 (stage) Paul Sillett 07931473305 (security)

We will have a large and strong team of stewards supporting them. There will be two stewards' briefings:

Friday 12th September, 5pm, online via Zoom

Saturday 13th September, 10.30am, Russell Square

We ask you to widely share the call out for volunteer stewards: email info@standuptoracism.org.uk to register the names and contacts of volunteer stewards.

Response to incidents

Stewards should be aware and prepared for the possibility that far right or fascist supporters from Robinson's mobilisation could in small groups aim to disrupt us.

It is important that we are able to deal with any issues without panicking, and report any instances immediately to the chief stewards and to Paul Sillet who will be the chief security team steward and experienced in responding to incidents. Chief stewards will be in orange high vis vests.

Accessibility

There will be a clearly marked accessibility station at the assembly point in Russell Square and Whitehall stages.

Our access stewards will be responsible for securing a 4m space from the front of the stage which will be a protected area for wheelchair and disability access.

This zone will be identifiable with a visible sign posted table and access point personed by the access steward team.

The access stewards will be here on hand and identifiable with pink stewards vests and with copies of access briefing that will include information of accessible toilets, the access area at the front of the march, and other details.

We have requested BSL interpretation for the rallies.

Following discussions with DPAC for this demonstration, it was agreed that our concern for guaranteeing safety meant that we agreed it was not possible to deliver safety for those using access rest points or a separate accessible route, as we run the risk of isolating those using these and the stewards facilitating them on a day where there is a presence of the far right.

DPAC advice is for supporting organisations to circulate privately (avoiding all social media posts) that disabled people can either join the march from Russell Sq or should be advised to arrive at Charing Cross station at around 1.30pm (wearing no political badges or carrying political placards or posters etc) and join the march as it turns into Trafalgar Square.

We will advise the police and our stewarding team of this decision and strive to make sure that they facilitate the participation of disabled people who wish to join the march.

We will strongly advise disabled people (and other marchers) to avoid Westminster and London Bridge stations which, although accessible, are likely to see the Far Right gathering.

Tommy Robinson demo and safety

We understand that Robinson's supporters will assemble 11:00 at Blackfriars and marching to Downing Street off Whitehall.

Our rally at the end of the march will assemble near Whitehall Place in the north side of Whitehall, closer to Trafalgar Square.

The police will have two security lines and security barriers in front of each demonstration and a sterile zone for police in between the two rallies. This will mean

the demonstrations are kept about 100 metres apart - in line of sight, but not in contact.

Dispersal

The police intend that both demonstrations will disperse in the direction that they have come from, ensuring that the far right and the counter protestors are less likely to interact.

People on our demonstration must disperse towards Trafalgar Square and use Charing Cross station.

Safety to and from the demonstration

Despite the fact that we believe that our stewards and the arrangements with the police can keep people safe on the demonstration, we do think people should take sensible precautions on the way to and from the march and rally.

We advise everyone travelling to remove insignia and wherever possible we strongly advise everyone to travel in groups. We also advise anyone who is keen to arrange people to travel with in to the demonstration in advance, that they can contact their local SUTR group in advance, as we appreciate some may feel more reassured to do so rather than just turning up to the meet ups if they don't know anyone else going. A list of contacts for our local groups is here

If you see a group of the far right travelling to the demo our strong advice is do not to engage with them.

Safety of travellers not on our demo

The presence of thousands of far right on our streets or travelling to London will be disconcerting to other travellers especially those from ethnic minorities and all those particularly targeted by far right hate. If you do see any harassment, if you can safely do so, please seek to record it, say you will report it and ask that it stops.

The growth of the far right on the streets and in parliament is alarming, but our counter mobilisation can help show that the organised trade unions and communities can see through the lies and assert that we want a peaceful society.

Stand Up To Racism info@standuptoracism.org.uk



Saturday's protest is set to see thousands of us march in unity against fascist Tommy Robinson and the far right.

We will be marching together against racism, Islamophobia and antisemitism - and to say that we won't let the far right divide us