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Dear Friend.

We would like to invite you and your organisation to join us in showing solidarity with the #StrikeforBlackLives. On July 20, 2020, members of the McStrike's partner union, SEIU will take action across the United States in a **Strike for Black Lives**.

The McStrike BAME committee have called a public ZOOM rally, organised by BFAWU and War on Want, to show solidarity and deepen our collective understanding of the path forward to demand racial and economic justice in society and the workplace.

There are a number of ways you can contribute.

- Join and help **promote our #StrikeforBlackLives Zoom Solidarity Rally**
- **Add your name as a supporting organisation** to the ZOOM rally we are organising on Sunday 19th July at 7pm. [This will be listed on the event]
- Join our **twitter flash mob** and tweet a solidarity message US workers **after 8pm, 19th of July using #StrikeforBlackLives**.
- **Here is the Facebook event** <https://www.facebook.com/events/2615882351983435>

We have written some draft tweets below you may find helpful, as well as contact details for organisational support.

We value your participation as we **connect our struggles and build the power of our movement to tackle racial and economic injustice** and show solidarity with US sister and brothers. We declare that Black Lives Matter and believe our fights for racial, economic, health, migrant, and climate justice fights are connected.

We have included the draft event description below, we hope you will be able to join us.

We look forward to hearing from you,

In solidarity,

Margaret, KFC worker.
Melissa, McDonald's worker.
Aya, McDonalds worker.
Yasmin, McDonalds worker.

On behalf of the McStrike BAME Committee

With the Backing of the Bakers Food & Allied Workers Union and War on Want

Ian Hodson National President.
Sarah Woolley General Secretary.

Strike. For Black Lives Solidarity Zoom Rally

On July 20, 2020, members of the McStrike's sister union, SEIU will take action across the United States in a Strike for Black Lives. Join The McStrike's Zoom Solidarity Rally to show your solidarity and raise up our voices as together we forge a path forward to demand racial and economic justice in society and the workplace.

Time and Date: 7pm, Sunday 19 July 2020

Location: On Zoom

Speakers:

- US Fast Food worker - Fight for 15
- UK Fast Food worker - McStrike BAME Committee
- Selma James [Invited]
- Alex Wanjiku Kelvert - BLM UK [Invited]
- Gary Younge - [Invited]

In the United States, SEIU members, workers in the Fight for \$15 and a Union, and allies in other unions will be driving a national day of action, using their power as a union and as workers to walk off the job, withhold their labor, and launch protests all over the country in support of dismantling racism and white supremacy, to bring about fundamental changes in workplaces, the economy, and society.

In the UK, Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) fast food workers have come together to call out the systemic racism that runs through fast food corporations and wider society. We are demanding change from fast food CEOs who pay lip service to the Black Lives Matter movement whilst they fail to protect BAME workers from individual and systemic racial abuse, pay us poverty wages and refuse us a platform to have our voices heard.

We stand at a pivotal moment in global history as the Coronavirus pandemic causes devastation across the world, and millions are mobilising against racist police brutality.

Our US sisters and Brothers deserve our SOLIDARITY, through us connecting our struggles and building the power of our movement to tackle racial and economic injustice. We must declare that Black Lives Matter and illustrate all the ways our fights for racial, economic, healthcare, immigration, climate and other justice fights are connected.

The simultaneous crises of Covid-19 and police brutality towards Black Americans and other oppressed minorities around the world have led to an unprecedented moment with new opportunities for connection, for building the path forward together, and for declaring that we will not return to "normal."

Organised by the McStrike BAME Committee.
Supported by the BFAWU, McStrike, War on Want,

Hashtag = #StrikeForBlackLives

Below is a list of actions you can take part in to support the action

- **Join the rally on Sunday 19th July at 7pm**
- Register here <http://www.mcstrike.uk/strikeforblacklives>
- **Promote the ZOOM rally.**

Tweet 1:

I'm joining the #StrikeforBlackLives Solidarity Rally because there is no economic justice without racial justice.

Register here: <https://mcstrike.uk/strikeforblacklives/#ZoomRally>

Tweet 2

I'm joining the #StrikeforBlackLives Solidarity call because I stand with US workers striking for racial and economic justice

<https://mcstrike.uk/strikeforblacklives/#ZoomRally>

- **To be listed as a supporting organisation for the event email**
Gareth.Lane@BFAWU.org
- **Tweet a message of support to American workers 19th of July at 8pm, using #StrikeforBlackLives.**

Tweet 1

I'm standing in solidarity with US workers who are on #StrikeforBlackLives

Tweet 2

I support US workers who are on #StrikeforBlackLives

- **Encourage your supporters to join the Facebook event**
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2615882351983435>