



## **Beautiful Resistance**

### **8th – 22nd March 2019**

#### **Background**

Love Music Hate Racism (LMHR) is a nonpartisan campaign which aims to promote unity through the power of music. Our message is simple, there is more that unites us than divides us. Nothing demonstrates this more than the music we listen to.

LMHR uses the energy of the music scene to celebrate diversity and promote anti-racism, in the tradition of the Rock Against Racism (RAR) movement of the late 1970s.

Since its founding in 2002, LMHR has put on many hundreds of events, from large outdoor festivals to local gigs and club nights. At its pinnacle LMHR ran festivals in Victoria Park, London and Stoke City's Britannia football stadium which tens of thousands of people attended at a time when the far-right were beginning to make electoral gains.

International artists have played at our shows include Ms Dynamite, Kasabian, Hard-Fi, Babyshambles, Akala, Lethal Bizzle, Kano, Roll Deep and Basement Jaxx as well as the hundreds of up-and-coming bands, DJs, MCs who performed at local LMHR nights.

Alongside the shows, the campaign has run educational workshops, stalls at music events and panel discussions with the aim of tackling racism and discouraging support for far-right groups.

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We face an unprecedented growth of racism in Britain, Europe, the United States of America and elsewhere in the world. The electoral success of the far-right globally demonstrates that hatred and division is a growing danger. The growth of racism is not irreversible, it can be tackled, if everyone plays their part.

Love Music Hate Racism will be launching a positive campaign called 'Beautiful Resistance' to run for a fortnight between the dates of 8th – 22nd March 2019. These dates coincide with the UN Anti-Racism international demonstration on Saturday 16th March and in the run up to the UN Anti-Racism Day on Friday 21st March.

The fortnight period will involve co-ordinated activities across the major music labels, promoters, venues, music press, artists and managers and festivals.

Our aim is to use the power of music to bring together individuals and communities in a beautiful resistance against bigotry and hatred. Join the movement. Get involved. Subscribe to our mailing list. Follow us on social media.



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