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WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY OUR UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR the struggles of the Black people of South Africa, and in so doing present our declaration to the readers of Marxism Today.

## Anti-Apartheid Declaration



The London Borough of Hackney declares its abhorrence of, and total opposition to, the racist regime of South Africa and its illegal occupation of Namibia and believes that the apartheid system is a suppression of human dignity, and a threat to world peace and racial justice.


The Council is fully committed to the cause of freedom, justice and equality in South Africa and supports those, who through struggles against apartheid, have become its victims in one form or another; and to saluting the struggles and sacrifices of the liberation movements, in particular the African National Congress (ANC) and the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) of Namibia, to liberate their peoples.

In accordance with these views, the Council will, within the limits of its legal powers, campaign to end all links between the Council and the apartheid regime of South Africa, utilising all social, political, economic, and legal measures that are at its disposal. In particular it will, having regard to the Council's legal powers and duties, and as long as the present regime in South Africa remains in power, pursue the following policies:

1. Cease the purchase of any goods originating from South Africa and Namibia.
2. Ensure that the Council is not officially represented at any function attended by representatives of the White South African Government, the South African (including the Bantustan) or other agencies and refuse to meet or receive any official visitors from the white South African regimes or South African public institutions.
3. Campaign against all official links between Britain and the minority regimes in South Africa and Namibia.
4. Withhold the use of public facilities from any sporting, cultural, or political event involving participants who are known to be supporters of the white South African regime in South Africa and Namibia.
5. Promote public understanding and encourage the positive teaching of the situation in Southern Africa through highlighting the history, culture and struggle for self-determination of the Black South African and Namibian people, including the role of Black women and Black organised labour in this struggle.
6. Work towards the commitment to the raising of sports facilities and other facilities in Hackney that promote oppression of the white race regimes in South Africa and Namibia.
7. Discourage the advertisement of sporting South African products in public premises (such as in Hackney).
8. Ensure that the policy is fully implemented throughout Hackney Council.

The Council hereby declares that Hackney, as part of its Anti-Racist commitment, is opposed to apartheid in all its forms, and undertakes in co-operation with those organisations and movements named and identified above to organise appropriate events to publicise and implement this declaration and encourage other organisations in Hackney to do likewise.


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Journalist Eric Butler worked for the SUN for more than 16 years. All he got from Murdoch was a letter beginning "Dear Sir or Madam" telling him he was sacked.

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**ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

**DENISE BLACK AND THE  
KRAY SISTERS**

August 8th-30th at 10pm

**IVOR CUTLER**

August 18th-30th at 5.45pm  
Box Office: 031-226 2427/8

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## inti-illimani

25th, 26th and 27th August 9pm Tickets £5.50

and  
**GUITAR ENCOUNTERS**

Inti-illimani John Williams & Paco Peña  
28th, 29th and 30th August 9pm  
Tickets £7.50

At 'The Music Hall', Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street,  
Edinburgh  
Tickets: 031-226 2427 or 2428.

### THE HAPPY END

22-piece big band with Sarah-Jane Morris

"Ferocious, stomping swing... gorgeous seductive tunes - love and money, work and death, faith and exploitation" (NME)

August 18th-23rd 10.15pm

At The Elephant Tent, Zap Club, Hole in the Ground, Castle Terrace.  
Tickets 226 6748. Price £3.50 (£3.00)

### USEFUL NUMBERS FOR THE FESTIVAL

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| Fringe Information                   | (10.00-7.30) | 226 6257 |
| Fringe Information                   | (10.00-7.30) | 226 6258 |
| Fringe Club                          |              | 667 2091 |
| International Festival               |              | 226 4001 |
| Film Festival                        |              | 228 2688 |
| Jazz Festival                        |              | 557 1642 |
| Jazz Festival                        |              | 557 1548 |
| Tourist Information                  |              | 557 2727 |
| Accommodation                        |              | 557 2727 |
| Police                               |              | 311 3131 |
| British Rail                         |              | 556 2451 |
| City Bus Information                 |              | 557 4494 |
| Edinburgh Capital Group Info Service |              | 226 6687 |

**The Zap Club**

PRESENTS

Georgie Fame  
Tele-Men  
La Bouche  
Lindisfarne  
Ra-Ra Zoo

Rebecca Stevens & Topo  
An Evening with Time Out

Barry Sinclair  
Happy End  
Red Wedge  
and more

in collaboration with  
ELEPHANT HAYRE  
at the  
ELEPHANT TENT  
HOLE IN THE GROUND  
CASTLE TERRACE  
EDINBURGH

### EASTERN ANGLES

Jan Farmery in *The Sister*

- a one woman show about Dorothy Wordsworth

"... a compelling portrait..." (*Women's Review*)

Venue 64, The Caledonian Club, 32 Abercromby  
Place, Edinburgh

Aug. 17th-23rd inc. 7.30pm for one hour. £2.50 (£1.90)