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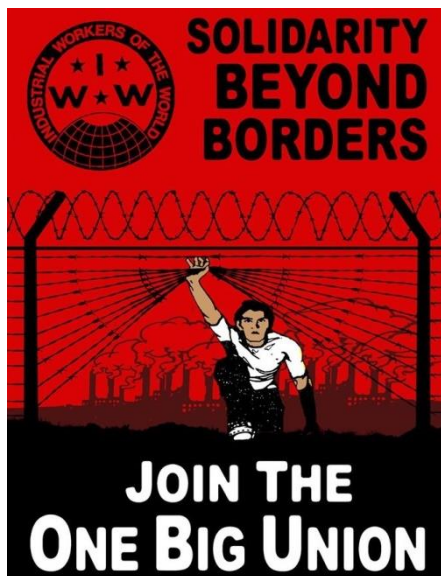
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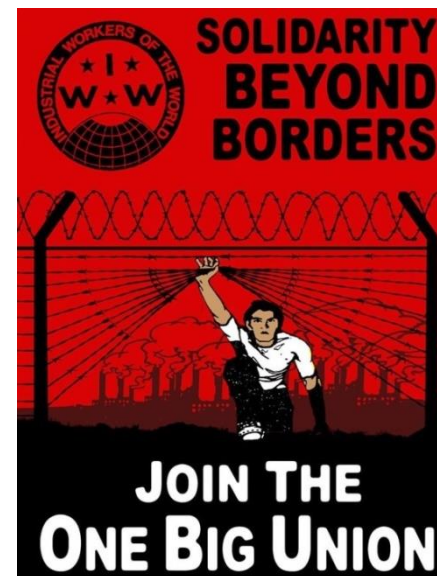
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What can we do?

- Migrant solidarity

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- Resisting the far right

We need to take seriously the growth of the far right. This covers everything from the more 'respectable' anti-immigration politics like UKIP to actual fascist groups. In this climate, their message will be amplified if we don't resist them. We must respect that a diversity of tactics will be used to counter them, including the usual marches, as well as disrupting their meetings and direct action. Left groups and workers' organisations should work from below to co-ordinate effective actions, rather than allowing any one front organisation to dominate.

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But we shouldn't wait for an election or a referendum sometime in the future for the changes we need now. And our demands should be universal: homes for all, sanctuary for all, food for all, properly funded healthcare for everyone – whether you are a 'citizen' or not. What's stopping us?

Capitalism is internationalist, and so should our resistance be. The stronger our links with militant workers across Europe and around the world, with the capacity to block supply chains and spread our struggles, the more of a threat we'll be.

What is the IWW?

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