

Green Party conference calls for reinstatement of David Muritu at Sandwell College



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Delegates at the Green Party conference passed an emergency motion on Saturday in support of a trade unionist who was sacked for writing “racist” on a poster for the government’s Prevent programme.

David Muritu, a college lecturer and member of the Universities and College Union, was sacked by Sandwell College this week after defacing the poster because he felt the Prevent scheme – which requires teachers to report students who show signs of being drawn into extremism – unfairly targeted Muslims (1).

Green Party member Samir Jeraj, who moved the motion, said:

“We completely oppose trade union victimisation and call on Sandwell College to reverse their decision.

“Prevent is a racist endeavour and we stand in solidarity with Dave in calling this out.”

The Green Party conference motion called for Mr Muritu’s immediate reinstatement.

Co-leader Sian Berry said: “The Green Party has since its inception been expressing concerns about Prevent.

“In its current form it disproportionately targets Muslim communities.

“We should instead pursue community-led collaborative approaches to tackling all forms of extremism.”

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1. <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/black-country/sandwell-college-sacks-lecturer-dave-16380273>

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