Green Party stands with Black Lives Matter every step of the way



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Green Party deputy leader Amelia Womack has outlined the party's support for the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of the death of George Floyd.

In a video published today, Womack spoke of the need to dismantle structural racism and repeated the Greens' call for an independent inquiry into the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 of communities of colour.

The full video can be viewed here.

Below is a full transcipt:

The killing of George Floyd has sparked a wave of resistance around the world, and the Green Party stands with the Black Lives Matter movement every step of the way.

In the UK, it's common to hear people say that racism isn't as bad here as it is in America.

So I'm just going to say a FEW names.

Stephen Lawrence. No justice for decades.

Christopher Alder. Choked and died while handcuffed and lying face down on the floor of a police station.

Belly Mujinga. One of the disproportionate number of BAME people who have died of Coronavirus, with no protection at work.

We're still deporting people to their deaths, two years after Windrush.

We've still got tower blocks ready to go up in flames, three years after Grenfell.

Make no mistake. Britain has a bloody history of racism.

It's a history which limits the lives of every person of colour living in Britain today.

And it's a system which benefits white people like me.

So don't just share this video. It's not enough.

We need to dismantle structural racism together.

Donate to legal funds and mutual aid groups. Demand a public inquiry into BAME Covid-19 deaths.

Most importantly, amplify Black voices, listen, educate ourselves and join the fight for a better world for people of colour everywhere.

Not just today, not just this week. Every day. Until we win. Black lives matter.

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