

Remembering the 1970s

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Mr. Jones was a well-known youth and community worker and also the secretary of the Trade Union Council in Tower Hamlets. He struggled for the rights of ordinary Bengali people in and around Brick Lane. He has written, edited and illustrated a number of books. He has worked for Amnesty International UK as a campaigner and education officer for many years.

..... The local trade council had a tradition going back very long time, very proud tradition of anti-fascist activity going back to the '30s in the Battle of Cable Street and all that sort of things. As an organisation of local trade union branches, we were engaged with a lot of concern from the mid-'70s, particularly in patterns of racial violence and the growth of fascist activity of various kinds and sorts of territorial claims. Very strange, you can sort of divide up Tower Hamlets. North of the bridge was a kind of National Front territory almost. South of the bridge was the Bengali territory.