

# Anti-fascists link arms

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EUROPEAN anti-fascist groups have formed an umbrella organisation to fight what they see as the spread of unified extremist activity against minority communities.

A two-day conference which ended in Antwerp last night, attended by more than 800 delegates from six countries, set down a blueprint for information and political action against the spread of right-wing concerted violence.

The initiative comes in the

wake of the formation in Britain of Anti-Fascist Action after a series of arson attacks against Asian families.

An AFA delegate, Mr Unmesh Desai, of the Newham London Monitoring Project, told the conference: 'The significance of our meeting should not be under-estimated. Fascist groups in Britain have been developing links abroad.'

He claimed that right-wing groups were being trained by Italian terrorists based in London, while British fascists were

printing material for like-minded groups in western Europe.

'Fascist activity in Britain is a direct reflection of increasing links across the Channel. Our aim is to develop an international organisation to counter this.'

Delegates from Holland, Belgium, France, Denmark and Italy attended the conference. A representative of Anti Fascist Front in Belgium described how foreign workers and cafés they used were being attacked there.