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Greater Manchester, Unite the Resistance public forum:

7pm Tuesday 10th December,
Room F14 Friends' Meeting House,
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