



Singer CMAT says "f*ck Reform" and tells UK artists to get off the fence

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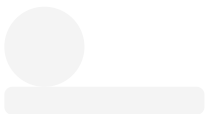
Speaking at the Ivor Novello awards, singer CMAT has spoken out against Reform UK and the far right. She's also called on her fellow artists to get off the fence and to take a stand:

"I have no time, sympathy or empathy for anybody that decides to make life more difficult for people who are just trying to live" @cmatbaby sticks it to Reform, Farage and fascists during her powerful @IvorsAcademy speech #CMAT #IvorNovello2026
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CMAT "F*ck Reform"

CMAT (real name Ciara Mary-Alice Thompson) was born in Dublin the capital of the Republic of Ireland. She has spoken out on social issues before, and is a fierce defender of trans rights. As part of this, CMAT released a t-shirt that raises money for the Transgender Equality Network Ireland which claims that "The T in CMAT stands for Trans rights". Thompson also spoke out against the singer Roisin Murphy:



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Speaking on trans rights and the law, [the Canary's Em Colquhoun](#) wrote

Prioritising the legal definitions of sex and gender over and above the reality of trans lives will always be reductive, further entrenching a [hostile environment](#) for trans people. But that is precisely what [lawfare-waging TERFs](#) want. The more convoluted the law, the colder the chilling effect on [LGBTQ+ people's freedoms](#) of movement and expression.

At the end of the day, it's not the law that needs to be changed, but the general attitudes towards trans people in this country. The law may influence this, but the problems have [taken root far deeper](#) than statutes.

Luck of the draw

Speaking to Ivor Novello Awards audience, Irish singer CMAT said:

I happen to be a legal immigrant in this country only because Ireland was lucky enough to get colonised 8 years ago by England. And that is actually the only difference between me and you admin wise.

As Thompson notes, [Irish citizens can live and work in the UK](#). She's certainly not British, however, and [she's clearly not aligned with the rampant flag shaggers who want to keep other migrants out](#)

The reason these fascist goons aren't campaigning to send Thompson back is simple; it's because the "anti-migration" movement is just racism rebranded. And this is why [so many Reform politicians keep finding themselves exposed for blatantly racist comments](#)

Speaking on her philosophy of songwriting, Thompson explained:

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I have a very specific idea of what songwriters should be for and I think it is to reflect the times through your own personal view so that everyone can have something to connect to and something to learn from years later.

As an example of what she's talking about, there's a song on her most recent album titled [Lord, Let that Tesla Crash](#). That's particularly relevant today, because [Tesla owner Elon Musk came out to support the far-right Restore Britain](#)

Restore Britain <https://t.co/y6b0RnO7p7>

Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [May 24, 2026](#)

Stand for something

Closing out her speech, Thompson called on her peers to do more to meet the moment:

Now what would compel my fellow artists in the room, it is not the time to sit on the fence. Fascism is on the rise. That c*nt Bertie Ahern recently showed his true colours.

Providing context on this, [the Canary's Robert Freeman wrote](#)

Taoiseach (prime minister) Micheál Martin has responded tepidly to appallingly bigoted remarks by his predecessor Bertie Ahern on a voter's doorstep. The voter recorded the

ex-Fianna Fáil leader saying he didn't approve of Africans entering Ireland, and vilifying the next generation of Muslims who he said were set to cause "problems".

Instead of condemning Aherne's overt racism and Islamophobia, Martin said the remarks were "not appropriate, correct, or proper" a slap on the wrist at best.

Thompson finished by saying:

F*ck Reform.

F*ck Nigel Farage.

I have no time, sympathy, or empathy for anybody that decides to make life more difficult for people who are just trying to live. And that's what this record is about.

There are many good reasons to figuratively "f*ck" Reform too. As Ed Sykes recently reported for the *Canary*, the Greater Manchester Police arrested several Labour operators in May on the suspicion that they ran fake candidates to win local elections. Reform attempted to capitalise on this. [as Sykes reported](#)

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In Gorton and Denton, Farage's party [lost by well over 4,000 votes](#). But [it had a tantrum](#) anyway. It quickly blamed "family voting" for the result, trying to sow seeds of suspicion, particularly about Muslim backers of the Green Party, by suggesting men had told their wives how to vote.

Greater Manchester Police ended its investigation into Reform's allegations a month later because there was [no reliable evidence](#)

That hasn't stopped Reform voices continuing to spread smears and misinformation, though. Because like Farage, [racist](#) Gorton-and-Denton-by-election-loser [Matt Goodwin](#) also responded to the news of the [Tameside arrests](#) by [referring back to the Islamophobic lies about Gorton and Denton and failing to mention Tameside itself](#)

And this is really just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the reasons why Farage & .co can go f*ck themselves.

[CMAT's latest album EURO-COUNTRY is available now.](#)

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