

Joint Enterprise

Not Guilty by Association

JENGBA

News

"You're Not Alone"

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Dear Friends and fellow JENGBA Campaigners

As ever lots happening but I know there has been some anxiety from the Inside campaigners that we have not got this edition to you sooner. We will try to be regular with the newsletter but won't send one for the sake of it. Luckily we have secured some funding from The Network for Social Change and Edge Fund so the cost of postage has been taken care of - for now. This is a Godsend because as you know we were sending newsletters into one person to distribute to many of you. However Whitemoor sent them back saying they did not have the resources to locate prisoners which is a bit worrying since you are in a prison! Also we have had a number sent back as they no longer reside in Whitemoor. It is inconceivable that the prison themselves do not know where someone has been moved but if you move please tell us!

The meeting with Richard Foster at the CCRC was interesting. Jan Cunliffe and I took a couple of lawyers with us also but we had already been told the CCRC do not have a strong insight into cases that involve police corruption. It will come as no surprise to most of you that this was our opening remarks to Mr Foster that police corruption is one the main common denominators in JE cases. The police frame the narrative of how a criminal enterprise goes down and then the CPS do the rest of the misinformation for them. This is even as far as the prosecutor's opening remarks to Jordan Cunliffe, Jan's son, being 'You are not really blind are you - you can kick a football so you can kick a man'. And sometimes the Defence is as useless like we reported in Ismael Francis' case last month. Ishmael is home now and I know we all wish him and his family all the best; they want to help with the campaign now. The CCRC said the most important starting point in presenting to them was the initial submission and that they would happily have another meeting with us and the legals to make sure we were getting it right.

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On the legal front - it is about to happen. You know we have wanted to establish our own legal 'unit' since we launched but it has taken time for obvious reasons. Legals are part of the problem with JE and we had to make sure we had people who were really behind the campaign and committed, like we are, to the belief that the doctrine of JE has been abused to secure wrongful convictions. The preliminary meeting for this is scheduled for this month but it would be helpful if those of you who have not had an appeal, or are with the CCRC, could write to us with information that might be helpful to crack this mighty dam that is JE.

We have been advised to try to find cases that may have grounds for appeal - and don't listen to that negative advice that I did when I was told 'you can't just appeal because you don't like the outcome'. Bull! Everyone who is wrongfully convicted should appeal - it is one of the reasons the Justice Select Committee held the brief inquiry because too many cases were heading back there.

We know it is hard because we are up against the establishment but please believe us when we say we will beat this - it is wrong and unsustainable when the country has no money. We will get appeals that give others a chance and we will get the public to demand innocent people are released from Prison. Stay strong, stay JENGBA.

Gloria Morrison



Jimmy McGovern's drama, "Common" (as in Common Purpose) will be screened later in the year. Casting is taking place at the moment and filming will start in a few weeks. We'll have more news from the production company in next month's newsletter.

JOINT ENTERPRISE IS A COURT FULL OF LIES!



JENGBA campaigners Gloria and Jan address the CWU Conference on 22nd May 2013

Gloria and I were invited to the Communication Workers Union Conference in Bournemouth on Sunday 22nd May 2013. It was a long journey for me to travel from Warrington alone so I met Gloria at London Euston and we frantically ran for the tube to Waterloo. We caught our connection with only seconds to spare.

During this leg of the journey we were able to discuss developments within the campaign, catch up on some important issues and work out what we needed to speak about at the conference. We were meeting the Union to tell them about my son Jordan, about JENGBA and about YOU. It was important to get it right.

We were honoured to share a platform with campaigners who'd mostly been around for decades, Hillsborough, The Shrewsbury 24, Orgreave, but also The Right to Protest. We know JENGBA is fairly new as far as campaigning is concerned, but we are clearly fighting the same battles as the other campaigners and we will come up against the same ignorance and corruption as those who came before us. And we are prepared for that.

We also recognise that these days money is tight, jobs are on the line and for many young people there's never been a job in the first place. When more people feel under pressure to make sacrifices in their own lives, they start to recognise the pressure that those who have been unjustly sacrificed have to endure. It is called empathy. Gloria and I did our speeches and as we looked on at the faces of our audience we could see the shock and the horror, and the empathy, but not disbelief. These people knew about injustice, they just hadn't been aware of this one.

Every person we spoke to before and afterwards wanted to help even if it was just to sign the petition. Not one person believed that the application of this legal principle was right, just or fair. Everyone felt it had no place in modern Britain.

The postal workers now want to help take the burden off our postage. The young Union members want JENGBA to go to their conferences and bring them up to speed so they too can help put an end to this injustice. Senior Union members want to offer their vast experience to move the campaign closer to reaching our goals.

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For me what was apparent by the end of that weekend was that people believe in us and they genuinely want to help. And these offers are coming from the ordinary, hard working, decent people of this country. No one wants to be fighting for 25 yrs for something that is blatantly and obviously wrong. No one wants to ignore what we tell them because there is a growing fear within people that this really could happen to them.

You and I know those who can make the changes are lazier than the law itself, and all I have to say to that is "Well we are a new Generation and we won't put up with it".

Jan Cunliffe

Letter from one of our Inside Campaigners

I am one of the many people in prison who shouldn't be locked up on conviction of murder on joint enterprise law which is strictly unfair when I was shot by the same people who killed my cousin. I have been convicted of GBH with intent on 2 other people one of them being a friend of mine. I am totally innocent of all charges which I will not stop fighting till it's proven. Myself and several other innocents in prison need the help of all our family members and the general public to stop miscarriages of justice and wrongful convictions which is locking up innocent people with no evidence but a charge of JE and given sentences of decades in prison with no hope of getting out. This has to stop now and with your help and general public and families to get MP's to pay attention to this we have the power to put it to an end and do what's right. Stand up and let your voice be heard Abolish Joint Enterprise. Give back young men their lives.

Thank you JENGBA
Rickel Adams (Sentenced to 35 years)

Justice Select Committee

JENGBA continues to liaise with the Justice Select Committee who told us in a recent letter that they are maintaining a close interest in joint enterprise and plan to review the subject early next year, taking into account the issue of the recent Guidelines. They are also in correspondence with the DPP about collection and publication of JE statistics. We'll keep you all updated in this newsletter.

Missing list

We've lost touch with the following, who may have been moved:

Tafari Dacas, Larbi Mohammed, Leong, Leonard Wilkins and please someone tell us where Brendon Harris is – a very vulnerable young man with no family support.

JENGBA's latest flyer is included with this newsletter - please send out to supporters and ask them to sign our online petition (details on our website).

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