

### From our Campaign Director:

Dear Friends and Campaigners

As most of you will be aware last month was a strange one indeed. Our first, and no doubt not the last, attempt to discredit the campaign and cause anguish to those of you wrongfully convicted under this archaic law.

You should have received a letter recently explaining that JENGBA no longer endorses the 'charity' called Justice On Appeal.

I have to say a personal thank you to everyone who has sent cards and messages of support. I believe this quote from a campaigner in Whitemoor sums up what we are about, "Sorry to hear of the treachery that has fallen upon us, but we'll pull through, like you said we have to stick together."

This could never be truer. We know the message is spreading because we are receiving letters telling us that 'a guy on my wing' told me about your campaign. Is it possible that you could set up committees on the inside to discuss the law and our campaign? Why so many are being convicted wrongly under joint enterprise and give us your knowledge through feedback? Talking about the misuse of this law will encourage other joint enterprise cases to come

forward. We have not been contacted by many in the YOI's - they need to know about our campaign against this law and though they are young we must try to get our message through to them so they can contact us and be part of JENGBA.

This year JENGBA supporters must also consider direct action. There is currently three cases of joint enterprise (multiple co-defendants 8, 9 and 7) being heard in the Old Bailey all with press gagging orders restricting them from being reported.

One is the Victoria Station tragic murder of Sofyen Belamouadden where 21 youths have been charged with murder. The press are contacting us since they can't report directly but they can report on our campaign. We must alert the general public on how this law is being used by leafleting outside the courts in all cities. This type of campaigning needs commitment and determination so encourage your loved ones to get involved. We have to raise an awareness of what is going on otherwise it will not stop and we will not get justice for those already convicted.

Sadly another innocent man and JENGBA campaigner failed on his appeal, Mr Elroy Otway. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to his family who like so many do not deserve the injustice and trauma that goes with having a loved one in prison for something they did not do. Elroy himself was denied access to his appeal - surely this basic

right to hear the argument put forward in person is another breach of his right to a fair appeal.

I know many of you have given up on lawyers because they have lined their pockets at your expense. But we are going to get a database of solicitors who will help. We must all exhaust every legal option possible by demanding a judicial review of every decision made and insist on oral hearings so that whoever makes that decision can be held accountable. As long as the CCRC and Appeal Courts keep knocking back evidence of innocence then Europe may be our only alternative. It is possibly only in the European Court of Human Rights that we will get justice and a fair trial.

Kevin Craigie, a JENGBA campaigner had an article published in this month's Inside Time. Please seek it out and read it. Kevin was released after serving 13 years convicted under joint enterprise but will not stop until his name is cleared and is helping others convicted under JE.

Kevin has also written a piece for our Newsletter - see overleaf. His determination and passion along with others like him who have been released but are still fighting their wrongful convictions, is an inspiration to us all.

**Gloria Morrison**

### **DON'T FORGET**

- Please write to your MP if you haven't already done so
- Get your families to write too
- Tell everyone about JENGBA and our new campaign



JENGBA campaigners supporting Elroy Otway and his family. Unfortunately his appeal failed. Another tragic injustice.

### **Useful links:**

[www.innocent.org.uk](http://www.innocent.org.uk)  
[www.unitedagainstinjustice.org.uk](http://www.unitedagainstinjustice.org.uk)  
[www.insidedoubt.co.uk](http://www.insidedoubt.co.uk)

**Prison Reform Trust Families Helpline:**

0808 808 2003 Mon-Fri 9am-8pm  
Sat & Sun 10am-3pm

# **JENGBA News**

**"You're not Alone"**

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*We want to hear from you about your experience of "Joint Enterprise" or how you feel about it — we have found telling the public about personal experiences has a greater impact than anything else. People are shocked when they hear your stories, not only the general public but the press, radio and television journalists.*

*We promise the word will get out about the injustices that have been suffered—and we need your help to do that. Please write to us, get your families to contact us and most of all spread the word that JENGBA is working on behalf of all those wrongfully convicted under the Joint Enterprise Law.*

*Every letter we receive will be read and published if at all possible.*

## **From JENGBA campaigner and caseworker Kevin Craigie**

During the three week Joint Enterprise "trial" at the Old Bailey in 1991, I never doubted for a minute that I would be justifiably acquitted. The jury asked to acquit me not once but twice. Judge Brian Capstick was more than annoyed and instructed them to find us both guilty or not guilty! He sent the jury out of the court and told the Legal Teams that he was now seriously considering acquitting both defendants rather than the "possibility" of Craigie being convicted and consequently a miscarriage of justice occurring....the jury never heard this.

We were taken downstairs for a "social enquiry report" and were then called back up as the jury had reached their verdict. 10/2 guilty!

I froze, trying to digest what I had just heard, while the Judge gave his standard speech. Most of the Jury cried, as did the sole perpetrator's Q.C the formidable Anne Curnow, who turned to me, not him, and whispered "I am so, so sorry".

Determined not to be defeated I spent the next 13 years of imprisonment focusing on becoming a representative for myself, and when experienced, others. Advising and representing prisoners about their cases, tariff representations and parole was a success, I always vowed to stop the day I lost. That day never came, and many a Father went home for Christmas after all. It showed me the difference that one person could actually make.

Three things kept me resilient: the vision and determination to secure an acquittal; address injustice, and publish my own "horror story" which is a reflection upon many systems, including the British Judicial System. "Since You Went Away" shall be finished this summer.

JENGBA is important to me for a variety of reasons, mainly because its principal objectives are to change a law which routinely convicts and consequently damages innocent people. This Law has no place in a self proclaimed civilised society. We not only owe it to ourselves, but future generations, to have this law abolished. It is also a new organisation which is entirely operated by the families, friends and supporters of innocent people. We are making a significant difference already. MPs, Lords, the media, the Clergy and most importantly the people are intently listening to us.....because they know we are revealing the truth.

Always believe in yourself, and overcome every obstacle, then you shall become a stronger person than you could ever have imagined

**Kevin Craigie**

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**JOINT ENTERPRISE IS A COURT FULL OF LIES**