

10 reasons why we need a public inquiry into Orgreave

Police brutality against miners is one area that needs examining

A KEY aim of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign (OTJC) is to obtain a full and independent Public Inquiry into:

- the pre-planned militarised nature of police tactics and police brutality against miners.

- wrongful arrests, blatant corruption and perjury connected with the events that occurred when striking miners picketed the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984.

- ensuring the true narrative of what happened at Orgreave and throughout the year-long strike is finally placed in the public domain.

The injustice experienced by miners and communities due to what happened at Orgreave is felt to this day and must be dealt with to achieve Truth and Justice.

The manner and scale of pit closures in the 1980s and 90s combined with the implementa-

tion of deindustrialisation, mass unemployment, casualisation and welfare reforms feeds into the motivation for the OTJC to seek justice for the miners and their communities.

10 REASONS WHY WE NEED AN ORGREAVE INQUIRY

1. The incredibly serious and unprecedented nature of what happened at Orgreave.

2. The militarised nature of police tactics on the day.

3. The deliberate construction of a 'false narrative' in police evidence.

4. The deliberate promotion of the 'false narrative' through the media.

5. The lack of legal accountability and failure of the legal system.

6. The ongoing consequences of Orgreave.

7. The role of Hillsborough and undercover policing inquiries.

8. New sources of police and government evidence.

9. The key issues associated with Orgreave are still relevant today.

10. The law requires there to be an Inquiry..

FOUR KEY FEATURES OF AN ORGREAVE INQUIRY

These are the key elements of an Orgreave Inquiry that the OTJC has told the Home Secretary are necessary to make an Inquiry effective.

1. The Inquiry must have the power to require all the relevant information and evidence to be produced to it.

2. Those who have an interest in the Inquiry must be able to fully participate in order to lend their experience, knowledge and understanding to the process.

3. The tribunal conducting the Inquiry investigation

A SERIOUS CRIME HAPPENED HERE

STRIKING MINERS WERE BEATEN UP, FITTED UP AND LOCKED UP. THE GOVERNMENT HAVE REFUSED TO INVESTIGATE



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must include a range of skills so that people can have confidence that it will fully understand the issues and be independent and objective in its approach.

4. The Inquiry must be transparent, open and accessible

and its conclusions publicly explained. OTJC does not demand an expensive, overly-long Inquiry. Plenty of information exists and has already been obtained giving an Inquiry a substantial head-start to deliver Truth and Justice.

How to make Freedom of Information requests

ARE you an ex-miner arrested during the 1984/5 miners' strike?

The Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign have been provided with information from some ex-miners about their arrests during the strike.

We want to know more about arrests at Orgreave and throughout Britain during the strike and, if you were one of the many who were arrested there is a way you can try to find out what information the police hold about your arrest.

How to find out more

If you were a miner arrested when you were on strike in 1984/5 and want to find out about the details recorded about your arrest, you can contact the police force which arrested you.

This may require you to make a FREEDOM OF INFORMATION request (commonly

known as an FOI). You might not need to make a FOI request to get the information you need but this is usually the best route.

- The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives you the right to request recorded information held by the police.

- Anyone can request information – there are no restrictions on your age, nationality or where you live.

- Your request will be handled under different regulations depending on the kind of information you ask for.

- There is a £10 cost to this.

If this would prohibit you from carrying out this request or you have any other questions please contact the campaign for assistance.

We have an FOI request form on our web page for you to use if you wish (see links below). Please print out this form, com-

plete it and send it off to the police force responsible for your arrest. Please keep a copy of your completed form. You can also request information by email.

How you can help the campaign

If you want to share any information you receive with us, as other ex-miners have already done, we would respect your confidentiality and not name you or share any information without your permission.

If you make an FOI request and the police make it difficult for you to get the information you are requesting, please insist they give you reasons in writing and let us know if you want to by emailing us at:

Orgreavejustice@hotmail.com.

Again, we would deal with this information confidentially if you prefer.

Where to get help if you were arrested

You can find a FOI Request form on our web page here:

<https://otjc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Foi-request-form-270118.pdf>

More information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request>

Please use this link to find out where police forces are located:

<https://www.police.uk/forces/>

If you were arrested by a Scottish Police Force more information is available here:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

You need to send the form to FOI Central Processing Unit, Information Management Unit, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Glasgow, G40 4EH.