

HELP FUND DEFEND THE RIGHT TO PROTEST



Defend the Right to Protest was formed in 2010 in response to the violent and draconian policing of demonstrations by students and lecturers.

Since then we have campaigned vigorously against the criminalisation of protest, increased police powers and attacks on civil liberties. We offer both political solidarity and practical support to those victimised by the police and prosecutors.

Standing up to victimisation

We ran a two-year campaign against attempts to convict philosophy student Alfie Meadows for violent disorder.

He was charged following a December 2010 student protest – despite sustaining life-threatening injuries after a blow to the head with a police baton.

Alfie was finally acquitted in March this year. He is now fighting for accountability for his injuries.

DtRtP has supported many others over the years criminalised for challenging cuts, inequality, racism and injustice, from UK Uncut activists to anti-fascists marching against EDL.

Unity against racism and violence

We extend that solidarity to others campaigning against police racism and violence, such as the Hillsborough Justice Campaign and the United Families and Friends Campaign for those who have died in police custody.

Defending legal aid

This year we want to throw our weight behind stopping cuts to legal aid. These cuts will make it harder for people to fight abuses of their rights by the state, or to mount legal challenges against policies like the bedroom tax, hospital closures or benefit caps.

This government to committed to attacking the public sector, driving down working conditions and victimising the poorest in society. Activists are all too often criminalised when they fight back.

Please support our work to defend those who march, demonstrate, occupy or strike. As a grassroots network we rely completely on the support of trade unions, campaigning groups and individuals to fund the work we do.

Our priorities in coming months

- **Help Alfie Meadows** hold the police to account for his life-threatening injuries
- **Stop the deportation of Trenton Oldfield**, who protested against inequality at the Oxford-Cambridge boat race
- **Fight off government attacks on legal aid**
- **Support justice for Mark Duggan** and others who have died in police custody or following police contact
- **Challenge the use of kettling and the Public Order Act** to deter, punish and criminalise protesters



Donate now

Go to www.defendtherighttoprotest.org to make a one-off donation or to set up a regular donation. You can also take out a standing order to automatically fund DtRtP.

Are you in trade union, a student union or some other campaign group? You can support our campaign by affiliating to us – just pass the DtRtP motion available online.

If you'd like to get more involved email us on info@defendtherighttoprotest.org

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Your money will help us to

- Mount effective campaigns to support individual defendants, as we did for Alfie Meadows and Zak King
- Print bust cards and placards for distribution on major protests and demonstrations
- Cover expenses incurred by people who provide vital court support for defendants
- Produce general campaigning material: flyers, stickers, posters and petitions
- Fund research into attacks on the right to protest, including shifting policing strategy
- Produce accessible but informed briefings for activists to inform them of their rights
- Host conferences and major public events around the country
- Strengthen our solidarity work to support those campaigning against police violence and injustice
- Set up and maintain a DtRtP contact phone line