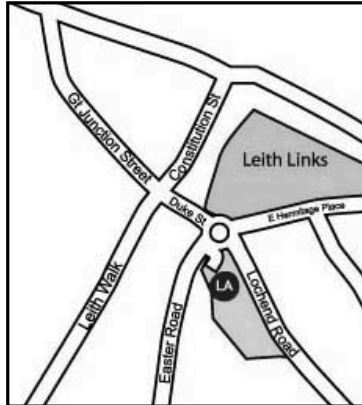


Scotland Against Criminalising Communities

Is a grassroots group that campaigns against Britain's anti-terrorism laws and offers solidarity to the communities most affected by them.

Contact us on 07719822164 or visit www.sacc.org.uk



About the Conference Venue

Leith Academy, 20 Academy Pk, Edinburgh (just off the bottom end of Easter Road)

Leith Academy is a comprehensive community school built in 1991, and offers extensive facilities.

To find out how to get there, visit: www.leith.edin.sch.uk/where.asp

In the last few months the people of Britain have witnessed an astonishing assault on their rights and freedoms. In July, people were beaten up by riot police on the streets of Edinburgh and people on their way to peaceful demonstrations at Dungavel and Gleneagles were systematically obstructed and harassed by police from all over the UK. In the aftermath of the London bombings, new laws have been proposed to limit freedom of speech and to give police and the Home office new powers over anyone they label as suspicious. And even before they get these new powers, the authorities are claiming the right under existing laws to deport people at will and to assassinate on suspicion. In order to get away with this, they are fostering brutality, racism and Islamophobia. The recent wave of racist attacks are the fruit of this policy.

Meanwhile Bush and Blair continue their support of corrupt dictatorships in the Middle East and are strengthening their support for the state of Israel and its continued ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians. Across the US, the UK and the world many thousands of lives have been devastated by detention without trial, torture and humiliation, while those who show dissent and strive for a better life, those who believe another world is possible are intimidated and imprisoned.

The story does not being on 9/11, however much Blair would like it to be true. SACC is organising this conference in order that campaigning groups and organisations in Scotland can explore how we got here, what is the history of the 'war on terror' and how, throughout history, emergency legislation has been used to suppress civil rights movements, trade unionists and dissension (morning Workshops). The conference will also provide an opportunity to present, discuss and debate proposals on how, here in Scotland, we can together campaign and fight against the continued erosion of our civil liberties and the denial of human rights to members of our community (afternoon Workshops).



War on Terror? War on Us

How do we stop the criminalising of our communities?

CONFERENCE

Organised by:

Scotland Against Criminalising Communities

Sponsored by:

Edinburgh Stop The War Coalition,

Muslim Association of Britain

Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign

Saturday 1st October

9.30am – 6 pm

**Leith Academy,
20 Academy Park,
Edinburgh**

Admission £5 waged, £2 unwaged

Pay on the door



9.30am – 10.00am	Registration			
10.00am – 11.00am Plenary	Britain 2005 - the assault on democracy Speakers include Aamer Anwar (human rights lawyer), Mohammad Aslam (Chair, Annandale St Mosque, Leith), Rose Gentle (mother of Gordon Gentle, killed in Iraq) , David Miller (editor of the book <i>Tell Me Lies</i>), Sohaib Saeed (MAB), Gill Hubbard (G8 Alternatives), Peter Hounam (journalist)			
11.15am – 12.45am Workshops “War, Terrorism & Human Rights”	Imperialism, the “War on terror” and the attack on civil liberties Organised by <i>Edinburgh Stop The War Coalition</i> Speakers include Aamer Anwar , Dick Barbor-Might , Mike Martin , Gill Hubbard , David Miller	How to strengthen Jewish opposition to ghettos & genocide in Palestine Organised by the <i>Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign</i> Speakers include Mick Napier , Muhammed Idris	Miscarriages of Justice Organised by <i>MOJO (Scotland)</i> Speakers include Paddy Hill , and John McManus	Dead in the water Documentary about the Israeli attack on the USS Liberty during the 1967 war – a conspiracy to launch nuclear war. Peter Hounam , maker of the film, will be leading the discussion
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch		SACC AGM (with lunch) Open to everyone, but only SACC members can vote	
2.15pm – 4.15pm Workshops “Communities, anti-racism and activism”	Trade Unions, solidarity and the right to organise Organised by <i>Midlothian Coalition for Justice Not War</i> Speakers include Rab Patterson , Kenny Ross	Building the Movement -the role of the Stop The War Coalition Organised by <i>Edinburgh Stop The War Coalition</i> with contributions from anti-war groups around the country Speakers include Ghada Razuki , Carole Alubaid	Resisting the Security State How can we organise against racism and the criminalisation of dissent? How can we support people in jail, and people threatened with deportation or extradition? Speaker sOrganised by <i>Scotland Against Criminalising Communities</i> Speakers include Richard Haley , Asim Qureshi	New Labour’s racist Asylum laws Organised by <i>Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Refugees</i> Speakers include Keir McKechnie
4.30pm – 6.00pm Plenary	Standing Together in Scotland Speakers include Paddy Hill (Birmingham Six), Richard Haley (SACC), Aamer Anwar (human rights lawyer), Esme Choonara (Globalise Resistance), Muhammed Idrees (SPSC), Kenny Ross (FBU), Ghada Razuki (Stop The War Coalition)			

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