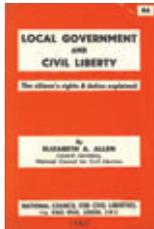
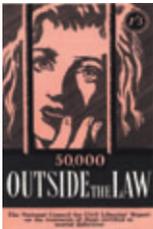


75 YEARS OF PROTECTING LIBERTY

1934 - 2009



Liberty and Civil Liberties Trust
Annual Review 2009

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Stills from our short film about Liberty's history.
Watch online at <http://bit.ly/liberty75>

About Liberty and the Civil Liberties Trust

Liberty

Who we are

Liberty is also known as the National Council for Civil Liberties. Founded in 1934, we are a cross party, non-party membership organisation at the heart of the movement for fundamental rights and freedoms in England and Wales. We promote the values of individual human dignity, equal treatment and fairness as the foundations of a democratic society.

Our mission

Liberty seeks to protect civil liberties and promote human rights for everyone.

What we do

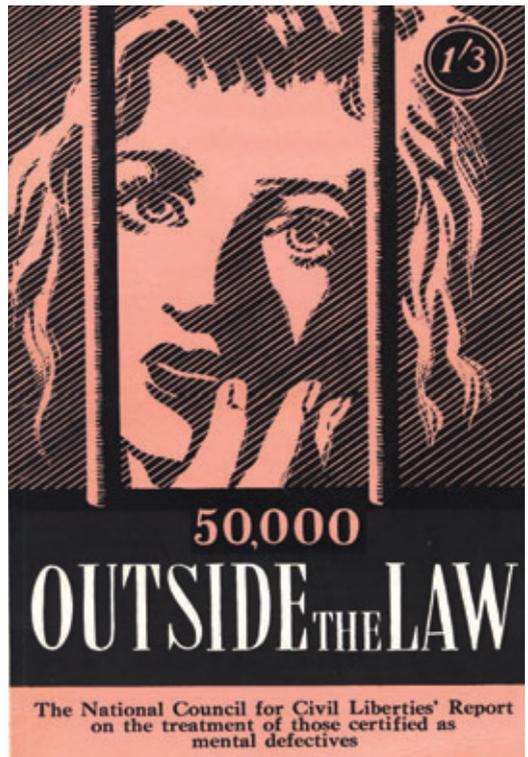
Liberty works to protect basic rights and freedoms through the courts, in parliament and in the wider community. We do this through a combination of public campaigning, test case litigation, parliamentary lobbying, policy analysis and the provision of free advice and information.

The Civil Liberties Trust

The Civil Liberties Trust works to promote human rights and civil liberties through research, policy work, litigation, education and advice. It works in parallel with Liberty and is based in the same building. The Trust does not employ staff but pursues its objectives by funding Liberty to carry out specifically charitable work. Most of the Trust's direct charitable expenditure is represented by grants to Liberty to fund work in the areas of information, research, publications, advice and legal services.

The Civil Liberties Trust's objectives are:

1. The promotion of domestic human rights including the elimination of the infringement of those rights and the promoting of effective remedies following any breach, for the benefit of the public.
2. The provision of legal advice, assistance and representation on human rights and civil liberties to those unable to pay for it.
3. The provision of educational material and information on civil liberties and human rights.
4. The undertaking and promotion of research into civil liberties and human rights.



This landmark Liberty report about the mental health system was published in 1951

Dear Friends

We're sure you won't be surprised to hear that there was no rest for Liberty in our 75th birthday year. As well as looking back at how far we've come and celebrating what we have achieved, we had our feet firmly in the present. In 2009 Liberty took a number of key legal cases, influenced policy-making at the highest level, raised awareness through the media, ran several popular and engaging public events and helped thousands of people through our free advice services. You can read more about all of these on the following pages. But first, here's a reminder of how the story of Liberty began.

On the hunger marches of the 1930s, as desperate people dissented against poverty, corruption and the threat of extremism, our first General Secretary Ronald Kidd witnessed brutal police attacks on peaceful protesters. He decided to act, and gathered support from the worlds of politics, law, the arts and sciences, from figures including HG Wells, Vera Brittain, EM Forster, Clement Attlee, Kingsley Martin, and Prof. Harold Laski. In February 1934, the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) was formed to champion the rights of ordinary people and hold the powerful to account.

In our 75 years we have campaigned on an enormous range of issues, from fighting internment and abuse of police powers, to protecting free speech, peaceful protest and equal rights for all. What has remained constant is our sense of purpose. Today, as Liberty, we strive to continue the work that NCCL began, armed with the wisdom and achievements of our years.

Throughout 2009 we were battling on many fronts, and we saw some important successes during the year, including the criminalisation of forced labour and servitude and damaging blows to secret inquests, blanket DNA retention, control orders and the ID cards scheme. Our major campaign, Common Values, moved

up a gear in 2009 as we worked to broaden respect and understanding for human rights and their universal application, a message of hope and human solidarity grounded in the values that our founders fought for.

In 2009 we were also looking towards the future, and a new home for Liberty. After 30 years we have outgrown our current cramped building, and we need your help to move to a new building in Westminster. The move will be both practical and symbolic – on the doorstep of the decision-makers we will be in a much better position to hold them to account, as we have done for the best part of a century.

To protect Liberty's future for a generation, and to secure a building fit for the modern campaigning machine which Liberty has become, please consider making a donation at www.justgiving.com/futureofliberty Your support will have a lasting impact, benefiting the next generation of Liberty campaigners and setting us well on the way to another 75 years.

Yours ever,



Frances Butler
Acting Chair of Liberty



Shami Chakrabarti
Director of Liberty

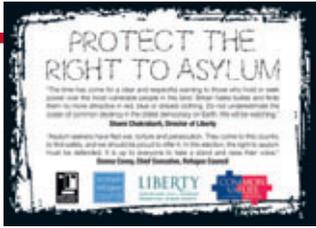


Christine Jackson
Chair of Civil Liberties Trust

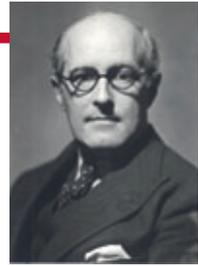
The Year in Pictures



January Liberty and ACLU build 'special relationship' based on respect for human rights and Asylum election pledge launched



February Founders' letter and Ronald Kidd



March Happy birthday Liberty!



May Government climb-down on secret inquiries



June Anniversary Conference and AGM



July Privacy film



August 'Don't Let Gary Go' supporter picture



October Churchill's Legacy Conservative case for the HRA published



September Party conferences



November Victory on forced labour



December Gurkha Justice campaign win Human Rights Award

Campaigns

“Liberty combines the wisdom and experience of history with all the raw energy, passion and commitment it takes to meet the challenges to civil liberties, new and old, every day.”

Author Ali Smith

Liberty is a campaigning organisation with 75 years of expertise. Here are a few highlights from our public campaigning work in 2009.

Common Values



Our ongoing Common Values campaign aims to broaden understanding and respect for human rights and counter the damaging myths that surround the Human Rights Act.

Conference: Common Values in Times of Crisis

In June we held a hugely successful and enjoyable day of discussion and debate, where over 500 Liberty members and supporters heard from a wide range of speakers including former senior Law Lord, Lord Bingham and a host of other figures from politics, law and the arts. More on page 14.

Polling

Liberty/ComRes Polls in June and December revealed overwhelming support for human rights laws, with over 95% of respondents agreeing that it is important that there is a law to protect rights and freedoms in the UK. The lack of public information about the Human Rights Act was also clear, as less than 12% of people remembered seeing any information explaining the Act.

Party conferences

Common Values was highly visible at Party Conferences and the TUC Conference in the autumn. In addition to our fringe events we used publications, venue screen advertising and mobile poster vans to promote the campaign. More on page 9.

Extradition Watch



Marking the launch of our campaign for fairer extradition laws in June, Liberty and YouGov released poll results showing a lack of public awareness about the issue – 70% of those polled did not know about the UK's extradition procedures. The poll also revealed that 58% thought the law should be changed.

Gary McKinnon, who has Asperger's syndrome, was charged with hacking into the US Pentagon and NASA systems from his home in London and faced extradition to stand trial in America. When the High Court ruled in July that Gary's extradition should go ahead, we kicked off a member action to help raise awareness and increase support for our amendment to change the unfair law.

Nearly 200 members sent us a photograph of themselves with a 'Don't Let Gary Go' paper plane, and hundreds lobbied their MPs about the issue. The pictures were posted in an online photo gallery which was viewed thousands of times in the following weeks.

In August we staged a protest outside the American Embassy at the same time that the American Civil Liberties Union wrote to Foreign Secretary David Miliband to express concern about the uneven nature of the extradition arrangements between Britain and the USA. Gary McKinnon's friends and family took part, and the protest was widely covered in the national media.

www.extraditionwatch.co.uk

Fighting forced labour

Although the slave trade was outlawed centuries ago, in 2009 the UK did not have a criminal law dedicated to the particular circumstances of modern slavery. At the start of the summer Liberty teamed up with Anti-Slavery International to campaign for a new law and won wide support from politicians and prominent lawyers.

In the crucial week before the parliamentary vote, we encouraged Liberty members and supporters to lobby their MPs, and in the space of just a few days nearly 300 people had emailed their MP about the issue through our website.

In a victory which will have a real impact on the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in our society, the Government announced in October that it had been persuaded and would move to criminalise forced labour.

Asylum Election Pledge

In January we launched our Asylum Election Pledge (now re-launched as a joint initiative with the Refugee Council and Scottish Refugee Council) and called on MPs and party candidates to sign it and reject xenophobia in discussions about asylum and immigration policy. The pledge postcard was distributed to over 50 asylum and refugee organisations, and hundreds of Liberty members have called on their MPs to sign it using our 'Email Your MP' website tool.

Protecting privacy

Early in the year we updated and reprinted our pocket-sized 'ID Cards: Fiction and Fact' booklet and circulated 2,000 copies through local No2ID groups. A Liberty/YouGov poll in July showed that public support for ID cards has plummeted. 68% of people polled thought the

government holds too much information about them and 77% believed the UK is a surveillance society.

We also released a short film which underlined the danger of the National Identity Register. '*Where do they go?*' was produced for Liberty by graphic designer and filmmaker Will MacNeil, with post production by Unit and a voiceover by long-time Liberty supporter Simon Callow. The film was watched by thousands of people in a few weeks through Liberty's website, on YouTube and on the *Guardian* and *ITV* websites.

<http://bit.ly/wanderingdata>

Control orders: Unsafe and Unfair

2009 saw a massive uptake of member actions in our ongoing campaign against the unsafe and unfair control orders scheme. Throughout the year we promoted a template letter for members and supporters to send to the Home Secretary, encouraged supporters to lobby their MP and sign an online petition opposing control orders – the petition received 500 signatures during the Christmas break alone.

www.unsafeunfair.org.uk

75th Anniversary

On 24 February we celebrated Liberty's 75th birthday with a full page advert in the *Guardian* and *Independent* newspapers, and published 36 'happy birthday' messages from high profile supporters from across the political spectrum, the law and performing arts.

We produced a short film celebrating our 75th anniversary which was distributed online and screened at the conference, reminding us how far we've come, and how far we still have to go.

“From the first contact, through briefings and attendance at meetings with Ministers, Liberty provided just the right quality and amount of support. Their commitment to highlighting the necessity for a new piece of legislation on forced labour was a wonderful demonstration of how evidence-based campaigning along with a collaborative approach can achieve real results.”

Baroness Young of Hornsey on Liberty’s successful lobbying for the creation of a forced labour offence

Highlights

- Liberty successfully lobbied for the criminalisation of forced labour and servitude. After initial resistance from Government a provision was eventually inserted into the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 which criminalises forced labour and servitude for the first time in England and Wales. This important development should allow cases of modern day slavery to be investigated and prosecuted much more effectively.
- We secured the removal of clause 152 of the Coroners and Justice Bill which would have allowed for breathtakingly broad information-sharing without consent across Government departments and the private sector.
- We secured the removal of ‘secret inquests’ from the Coroners and Justice Bill. Liberty joined forces with Inquest and Justice and led the resistance to Government proposals for inquests to be held behind closed doors at the Executive’s request. The Government was forced to drop the proposals but sadly managed to retain its ‘plan B’ which will allow for an inquiry to be instituted in place of an inquest when the Executive so desires. However this option is far less politically feasible than the original scheme and if used will be open to legal challenge.
- Liberty kept up the pressure for investigation and accountability regarding the UK’s role in extraordinary rendition and torture overseas, helping to secure a criminal investigation into British involvement in the rendition and torture of Binyam Mohamed.
- We secured the removal of a provision in the Policing and Crime Bill which would have allowed the issue of DNA retention to be dealt with by way of secondary legislation with little parliamentary scrutiny. We also successfully lobbied against the Government’s proposals to hold the DNA of some innocent people for 12 years. The Government was forced to deal with DNA retention in primary legislation in the Crime and Security Bill introduced at the end of 2009 and it dropped its 12 year retention proposal.
- Liberty lobbied for changes to the operation of the Independent Safeguarding Authority responsible for employment vetting. We secured a review of the operation of the ISA conducted by Sir Roger Singleton towards the end of 2009.

- We lobbied parliamentarians face to face at a number of events with partners as diverse as Anti-Slavery International, Justice, Inquest and the American Civil Liberties Union.
- We ran three successful and enormously well-attended fringe events at all three main party conferences hosting a party leader, Cabinet and shadow Cabinet members, backbench MPs, journalists and prospective MPs. The events were focused on Liberty's Common Values campaign. At the Conservative Party fringe event Liberty launched a book written by columnist Peter Osborne and Tory PPC, Jesse Norman: *Churchill's Legacy: the Conservative Case for the Human Rights Act*.



Liberty fringe event at Labour Party Conference. L-R Kevin Maguire, Diane Abbott MP, Shami Chakrabarti and Home Secretary Alan Johnson.



Lobbying

Throughout 2009, Liberty lobbied parliamentarians on several major bills, including the Coroners and Justice Bill; the Policing and Crime Bill; the Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Bill; the Equality Bill; and the Welfare Reform Bill.

Liberty was mentioned 130 times in parliamentary debates throughout the year on these bills and others. In total the organisation produced just under 70 detailed parliamentary briefings in 2009: 43 bill briefings, 18 consultation responses and 6 expert evidence papers.

Expert Evidence

Liberty responded to a number of Government consultations in 2009, providing expert advice on, among other issues, the operation of directed surveillance powers; DNA retention policy; proposals on future storing and processing of communications data (records of emails, phone calls, text messages etc); the Independent Safeguarding Authority; planned reforms to legal aid; and proposals for the reform of the naturalisation process.

Liberty was also invited to give expert oral and written evidence to a number of influential parliamentary committees including the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, the House of Lords Constitution Committee and the Bill Committees on the Coroners and Justice Bill and the Policing and Crime Bill.

“The friendly and efficient way in which you dealt with my claim is much appreciated. I cannot put into words how grateful I am for the help and support you have given me during the last years... Thank you so very much.”

Liberty legal client

Our Legal team represent people in cases that we believe will have significant implications for the way that human rights law is applied. We also use our expertise to inform other human rights cases through legal interventions. Here are just a few of the cases we were involved in throughout 2009.

Immigration detention

In March the Court of Appeal allowed our appeal in a case brought by three men detained in Harmondsworth Immigration Detention Centre at the time of serious disturbances there in November 2006. The Court of Appeal held that there should have been an investigation into whether the way that the detainees were treated during the disturbance breached Article 3, the prohibition on torture and inhuman or degrading treatment.

Football supporters

We represented supporters of two football clubs, Stoke City and Plymouth Argyle, in challenges to the use by the police of powers under section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. In both cases the police gave instructions to entire pub-loads of supporters to leave the area, and we challenged this indiscriminate use of the power. Both police forces conceded that they had acted unlawfully and paid our clients compensation. We also

received an award from the Football Supporters' Federation in recognition of our work on this issue.

Surveillance

In November the Investigatory Powers Tribunal heard the case we brought on behalf of a family that was subjected to covert surveillance by their local council to check that they did indeed live within their daughter's school catchment area. We believe that this is the first time that the IPT, which normally operates behind closed doors, has held a public hearing to consider the merits of a case. We are awaiting its judgment.

Discrimination

We intervened in the Court of Appeal case of *Ladele v London Borough of Islington*, which concerned an orthodox Christian registrar who sought to be excused from conducting civil partnerships. We supported the Employment Appeal Tribunal ruling that Islington's refusal to accommodate Ms Ladele's religious beliefs was justified because they involved unlawful discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation. In December the Court of Appeal upheld the judgment and, as permission to appeal to the Supreme Court was refused, its judgment is now the leading authority on the issue.

Police photography

In May the Court of Appeal found that the Metropolitan Police had breached the Article 8 privacy rights of our client, a member of the Campaign Against the Arms Trade, who was subjected to intrusive photography by police officers after attending a meeting to criticise a company for their stance on the sale of weapons. The police then kept those photographs so that he could be followed at subsequent political events. The judgment led the police to overhaul its procedures on the retention of photographs.

Forced labour

We represented a woman who had been brought into the UK from West Africa and forced to work as a domestic servant for a family in London. After more than two years she escaped and reported the matter to the police, but no proper investigation was carried out. In response to a claim for judicial review the police accepted that they had breached Article 4, the prohibition on slavery, and agreed to reopen the investigation. Our client's employer now faces criminal charges and the police have formally apologised for the failings in their first investigation.

Enhanced disclosure

We intervened in the first case to come before the House of Lords/Supreme Court on enhanced disclosure under the Criminal Records Bureau system (*L v the Metropolitan Police Commissioner*). As well as making legal submissions we provided the Court with examples of inappropriate disclosure from the many people that have contacted us about this issue over the years. Although L lost her appeal (on whether the police should have disclosed that her son had been put on the 'at risk' register) the Court made clear that the police must weigh the competing interests carefully before disclosing non-conviction information and that there may be circumstances where people should be given the opportunity to make representations against disclosure.

Detention without charge

In February the Court of Human Rights handed down its judgment in the case of *A v UK*, in which we submitted a written intervention. The Grand Chamber upheld the landmark 2004 House of Lords ruling that the detention of foreign terror suspects without charge was a violation of Article 5, the right to liberty. They further held that in a number of cases the obligations of procedural fairness were not met because evidence relied upon to establish a

threat to national security was withheld from the detainees. This ruling led the House of Lords to rule in June that control orders breached Article 6, the right to a fair trial, because many 'controlees' were not allowed to hear the evidence against them.



“Liberty have been crucial in putting civil liberties issues on the news agenda.”

Diane Abbott MP

Our media work helps to raise public awareness of human rights and civil liberties and keep our campaigns in the news.

Punching above our weight

Liberty's media profile is comparable to that of much larger campaigning organisations although we have a fraction of the staff and resources. Liberty was mentioned 2,110 times in the media in 2009 (a 50% increase on 2008) giving a mean average of 40 mentions every week or 5 mentions a day.

Reaching across the political spectrum

Targeted media work means we get our message out across the political spectrum. In 2009 Liberty was mentioned with equal frequency in the right and left-leaning national press.

Our ability to reach different sections of the media can also be seen in one of the big news stories of the year: attacks on the right to protest peacefully, tragically in evidence at the G20 protest in April. Our comment on the footage of Ian Tomlinson's death appeared in *The Guardian* and Liberty spokespeople also wrote articles in *The Times* and *The Sun*, and appeared on flagship programmes like BBC Breakfast and Channel 4 News to comment on the story. We were also working behind the scenes, providing briefings and case studies that informed a *Panorama* documentary on peaceful protest.

Counteracting spin

Much of our press work involves combating Government spin, something which can be clearly seen in the case of ID cards. The staged roll-out of ID cards began in 2009, accompanied by ministerial claims that the cards would be voluntary. Liberty moved quickly to get the

message into the press that the scheme is still in effect compulsory and this rebuttal was carried by the *Telegraph*, *Daily Mail*, *Mirror*, *Guardian* and *Independent* newspapers.

Sometimes a powerful case study is the most effective way of counteracting spin, as in the case of Liberty's client, Jenny Paton.

Jenny's case gave the lie to Government claims that the Regulation of Investigative Powers Act (RIPA) powers were appropriately ring-fenced. The widespread coverage it received was followed by a Government announcement of a consultation over the misuse of RIPA powers by local authorities.



October column in *The Sun*

Common Values

The media is of paramount importance to Liberty's campaign in defence of the Human Rights Act (HRA) and 2009 saw a number of notable successes. Highlights included a column in *The Sun* by Liberty's Director dispelling myths about the Act, a Liberty interview on *The Sun's* online radio station and a diary piece written for *The Observer* defending the Act.

We made good use of polling showing overwhelming support for the individual rights within the Human Rights Act, and Liberty test cases also provided excellent opportunities for positive media coverage.

“Once again you have been wonderful! I can't thank you enough for your help. It is like a little light in a dark tunnel...”

Advice service user

A central part of Liberty's campaigning work is raising awareness; broadening respect and understanding of human rights and their universal application among the general public. We also provide a free legal advice service which helps thousands of individuals every year.

Advice Service

In 2009 Liberty's Advice and Information team responded to 3,243 written and telephone requests from people who wished to know more about their rights and the law. The service helps some of the most marginalised groups in society by providing clear, detailed legal advice for free.

493,922 people also accessed information through Liberty's legal information website, www.yourrights.org.uk.

By far the most popular section (with three times more 'clicks' than the average) was the section explaining the Human Rights Act. The second most popular section was the one that explains the Right to Privacy.

Liberty Public Advice Line: 0845 123 2307

Monday and Thursday: 6.30pm to 8.30pm
and Wednesday: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Sharing Expertise

Every year Liberty runs numerous workshops, information sessions, seminars and talks on a variety of human rights issues for a wide range of audiences including students, practitioners and members of the public.

In 2009 Liberty's Advice and Information team gave a number of talks at schools in London and further afield. These talks introduced pupils to a variety of human rights and civil liberties issues, including the importance of the Human Rights Act; the blanket retention of DNA taken on arrest; the potential misuses of anti-terrorism stop and search powers; religious tolerance and race equality in the context of school uniform policy; and the unfairness of the current extradition regime.

Liberty lawyers also ran a regular online clinic through *The Guardian* website, answering queries about human rights from the general public.

Protest! Your right to speak out

In October Liberty and Index on Censorship ran an event about the right to protest at London South Bank University. Speakers including campaigner Peter Tatchell and Sir Hugh Orde, President of the Association of Chief Police Officers, gave advice and discussed controversy over policing tactics, and students from across London attended a workshop about their legal right to protest peacefully, as well as how to stay safe and have fun.

DNA Clinics

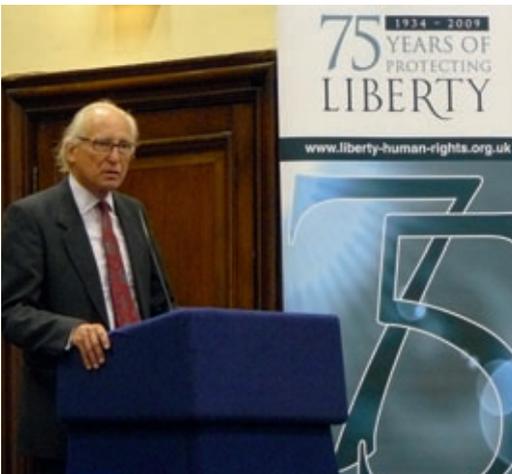
Working with two MPs, Liberty held 'DNA clinics' in London and Cardiff. We met a number of people whose DNA samples are being retained by the police even though they have not been convicted of an offence, and our lawyers advised them on how to apply to have their samples removed from the National DNA Database. We are also advising a number of other people who have contacted us via our website.

Liberty's Anniversary Conference: 'Common Values in a time of crisis'

Nearly 600 people came together on a Saturday morning in June to celebrate Liberty's anniversary and support our Common Values campaign.

In an inspirational opening keynote address Lord Bingham of Cornhill tackled the myths about the Human Rights Act, and asked "which of these rights... would we wish to discard?"

In the discussions that followed Lord Chancellor Jack Straw, Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg MP, political journalist Kevin Maguire, Tony Benn and Shadow Lord Chancellor Dominic Grieve QC laid out their views on our Human Rights Act. In the afternoon delegates attended expert sessions on Terror, Privacy, Free Speech and Protest and Equality. Artist Mark Titchner, fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, journalist Kate Adie and *Sun* columnist Jon Gaunt discussed culture, art and common values.



Lord Bingham

Zimbabwe: The War on Law

Liberty jointly hosted an event with ALBA, the Human Rights Lawyers Association, and Freedom Under Law – a Southern African

organisation. We welcomed Beatrice Mtetwa, President of Zimbabwe's Law Society and a human rights lawyer to discuss the law in Zimbabwe.

Protestors Rights Forum

Together with the Law Society and Norton Rose law firm, Liberty hosted a discussion forum on the right to protest. In a lively debate, the audience heard from both a climate protestor and a lawyer who has obtained injunctions against protestors on behalf of Drax power station.

Party conferences

In the autumn Liberty hosted popular Common Values themed fringe events at the three main party conferences and the Trade Union Congress conference. High profile speakers at these events included Home Secretary Alan Johnson MP, Shadow Home Secretary Chris Grayling MP, Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg MP, David Davis MP and Diane Abbott MP. We also heard from Unite's joint General Secretary Tony Woodley, former chair of the Police Federation Jan Berry and political journalists Kevin Maguire and Peter Osborne.

Extradition Watch Launch

In 2009 we launched our Extradition Watch campaign against summary extradition with a panel discussion at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer law firm. Edward Fitzgerald QC, *Financial Times* Assistant Editor Gillian Tett and Frank Symeou, whose son Andrew had been recently extradited, joined Liberty experts to discuss the legal issues and the personal impact of extradition.

Human Rights Awards

Liberty and Justice celebrated International Human Rights Day on 10 December with our annual Human Rights Awards, kindly hosted by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer.

Young lawyer Dan Carey, Dinah Rose QC and the inspiring Gurkha Justice campaign were winners from a high calibre list of nominees.

Liberty Council

Azad Ali

Tish Andrewartha

Lucy Armstrong

Camila Batmanghelidjh

Caspar Bowden

Bill Bowring

Frances Butler (Acting Chair from
17 October 2009)

Louise Christian (Retired as Chair on
17 October 2009 but remained a member
of Council)

Madeleine Colvin

Emma Dring

Michael Ellman

Shaheed Fatima

Alexander Gask

Fiona Horlick

Julian Huppert

Peter Kosminsky

Nicola Lacey

Jean Lambert MEP

Doreen Lawrence OBE

Ian Loader

Sarah Ludford MEP

Michael McColgan

Terry McGuinness

Sonali Naik

Nick O'Shea

Deok-Joo Rhee

Rod Robertson

Joanna Shaw

Lee Solomons

Stephen Ward

Mazin Zeki

The following Council Members retired in 2009

Amanda Ariss

Alex Bailin

Barbara Davidson

David Downes

Tim Lezard

Liberty's Executive Committee (and Board of Directors)

Tish Andrewartha

Louise Christian (Retired as Chair and as a
member of the Executive Committee
17 October 2009)

Frances Butler (Confirmed as Acting Chair
on 11 November 2009)

Madeleine Colvin

Fiona Horlick

Christine Jackson (Civil Liberties Trust)

Doreen Lawrence OBE

Sonali Naik

Nick O'Shea

Rod Robertson

Trustees of the Civil Liberties Trust

Christine Jackson (Chair)

The Hon. Susan Baring OBE (Vice Chair)

Tish Andrewartha (Treasurer)

Michael Ellman (Retired October 2009)

Malcolm Hurwitt

Dame Vivienne Westwood

Frances Butler

David Goldstone CBE (Appointed October
2009)

Simon Prosser (Appointed October 2009)

Baroness Vivien Stern CBE (Appointed
October 2009)

Liberty Financial Report

Income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Income		
Grants, donations and legacies	951,244	917,293
Membership subscriptions	492,710	411,376
Legal and other earned income	108,872	127,563
Interest receivable	976	13,239
Total income	£ 1,553,802	£ 1,469,471
Expenditure		
Research projects	5,900	21,370
Legal and advice work	254,041	257,731
Training and events	72,522	46,633
Membership and fundraising	241,296	211,188
Campaigns and advocacy	445,788	583,527
Management and overheads	418,962	343,498
Total expenditure	£ 1,438,509	£ 1,463,947

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Fixed assets	51,708	64,129
Current assets	989,975	718,815
Deferred grant income	(100,000)	–
Other creditors	(105,295)	(61,849)
Net assets	£ 836,388	£ 721,095
Restricted funds	41,446	–
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	467,788	482,910
Legacy fund	275,446	174,056
Fixed assets reserve	51,708	64,129
Total funds	£ 836,388	£ 721,095

Statement from the Board of The National Council for Civil Liberties

The summarised accounts above have been extracted from the full annual financial statements of The National Council for Civil Liberties prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, which were approved by the Board on 12 May 2010. The full annual financial statements have been audited and the auditors' opinion was unqualified. They are to be submitted to the Registrar of Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Company. For further information the full financial statements, the auditors' report on those financial statements and the Board's annual report should be consulted. Copies of these may be obtained from the Secretary at 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA.

Civil Liberties Trust Financial Report

Income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Income		
Voluntary income including legacies	627,506	721,181
Investment income – bank interest	14,013	72,613
Activities for generating funds	55,553	–
Incoming resources from charitable activities	38,350	40,900
Other incoming resources – gain on sale of freehold property	–	440,460
Total income	<u>£ 735,422</u>	<u>£ 1,275,154</u>
Expenditure		
Costs of generating funds	25,243	5,949
Grants payable to Liberty	538,756	437,509
Other charitable expenditure	80,750	30,618
Total expenditure	<u>£ 644,749</u>	<u>£ 474,076</u>
Losses on investments	<u>£ (2,133)</u>	<u>£ (12,138)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Fixed asset – freehold property	2,605,076	–
Less: Mortgage due after one year	(1,423,368)	–
Less: Mortgage due under one year	(47,030)	–
	<u>1,134,678</u>	–
Current assets	1,063,669	1,918,466
Creditors excluding mortgage	(237,474)	(46,133)
Net assets	<u>£ 1,960,873</u>	<u>£ 1,872,333</u>
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	826,195	621,873
New building reserve	–	1,250,460
Fixed assets reserve	1,134,678	–
Total funds	<u>£ 1,960,873</u>	<u>£ 1,872,333</u>

Note

The above summarised accounts have been extracted from the Charity's unaudited management accounts. The full audited statutory report and accounts will be available from the Charity at 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA after they have been approved on 9 September 2010.

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