

**Summary of substantive policy discussions**  
**at Liberty Council meeting**  
**March 2009**

Challenges and Opportunities Ahead for Liberty Policy work

The meeting discussed challenges and opportunities faced by Liberty (and the policy department in particular) ahead of the next General Election – now expected in Spring 2010. Discussion was had around potential opportunities including: the platform afforded by the success of the *Charge or Release* campaign; publicity on erosions in the privacy sphere; implementation of *S and Marper v UK*; re-launch of Liberty's extradition campaign. Discussion was also had around potential challenges including: making sure that human rights issues don't get sidelined in the recession; increasingly negative rhetoric around immigration and asylum in the lead up to the general election; and resisting proposals for a new centralized communications database.