

Defend the Right to Protest

Justice for Alfie Meadows & Zak King

Stop the victimisation now



Alfie Meadows and Zak King took part in the student protest on the 9th December 2010, along with thousands of others to oppose the trebling of tuition fees, the scrapping of EMA and the attack on public education. They were met by kettling, horse charges, and batoning – which left Alfie close to death, needing emergency brain surgery.

Like many other students they were also arrested and dragged through the courts on excessive charges; the most common being that of ‘violent disorder’ which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

This was followed in the courts by extremely excessive sentencing; with several students being sentenced for up to 15 months for waving or throwing a flimsy placard stick that hit and hurt no one. However many of these cases fell apart when students pled not guilty and exposed the police brutality on the day.

Alfie and Zak first went to trial in March 2012 which resulted in a hung jury. A retrial then began on the 29th October. Since then the retrial has been aborted due to repeated delays. The trial is now scheduled to take place on 11th February 2013, by then two years and 3 months since the student demonstration from which the charges originate.

The experience of being subjected to long delays in the run up to and between trials – with a serious charge carrying a custodial sentence hanging over them – amounts to further punishment of Alfie and Zak who have insisted on their innocence from day one.

We the undersigned demand an end to this ongoing victimisation and punishment. We call on fellow students, workers and campaigners to join our campaign to demand justice for Alfie and Zak and for an end to the criminalisation of protest.

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