

The Fair Trial Project

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This issue concentrates on the progress of the Open Justice Campaign. There is little news this month as the focus has been on writing papers and submissions...

Fair Trial: Featured Campaign – Open Justice

The Campaign can be found at: <https://fairtrialproject.org/open-justice/>

Replies to the complaints made to The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) have been received. In summary, they see nothing wrong with excluding the press and public from the courts. Escalation of these complaints are being prepared.

An action by Harry Muirhead was submitted to Glasgow Sheriff Court on the 15th of October 2020. The action contends that the Scottish Ministers had no authority to exclude the press and public from the courts. Unfortunately, SCTS refused to correctly process the action and arrange a public hearing. A second action complaining about the refusal to correctly process the action is being prepared.

The action and the reply from SCTS will be on the web-site later this month.

Fair Trial Project News – The latest news...

The newsletter will be issued every second month, on the odd numbered months. Occasionally a special newsletter will be produced and issued.

Questions and correspondence

Please email questions, suggestions, comments, hints and tips about the web-site or any campaign to: info@fairtrialproject.org

The Front Line – Tom Muirhead reports on campaigning.

Campaigns are ongoing and actions have been started. Please check the web-site regularly.

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Next issue...

The next newsletter will be published on January the 15th. It will have a full review of 2020 and look forward to 2021...