

The Fair Trial Project

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A look back on 2020

The major achievement was the setting up of the web-site. 15 fair trial issues have been identified. To see the full list of campaigns, go to: <https://fairtrialproject.org/fair-trial-campaigns/>

The effect of Covid-19 on the Scottish legal system was the focus of the year. In terms of fair trial rights, the decision of the judges and the Scottish Executive to exclude the media and public from the courts seems incredible. Lord Carloway (Scotland's senior judge) was the main instigator of this. He has obviously panicked and forgotten that a) excluding the public from the courts is unlawful; and b) he has no authority to make such a decision.

Further, the exclusion of the media and public from the courts was unnecessary. Allowing a limited number of people to be present in the public gallery, with screening and social distancing in place, would satisfy this requirement of Open Justice.

See the 'Open Justice Campaign' for more information on this.

The lockdown restrictions that are still ongoing amount to the unlawful imprisonment of people in their homes. Where did the Scottish Government find the authority for this type of measure? See the 'Lockdown Restrictions are Unlawful' paper in the library section of the web-site for more information.

In summary - After setting up the web-site and doing a great deal of research, the real work of the Fair Trial Project starts now...

Judges Refusing to Hear Actions at Glasgow Sheriff Court

Various actions by Tom Muirhead have been rejected by Sheriffs at Glasgow Sheriff Court. One example was an action against the Scottish Ministers that challenged the lawfulness of lockdown restrictions and the exclusion of the media and public from the courts.

The Sheriff who rejected this action was Sheriff Tony Kelly. Please see 'Judges Unlawfully Engaging in Business' campaign for a set of facts that call into question Sheriff Kelly's competence to sit as a Sheriff. Further, The Fair Trial Project will contend that Sheriff Kelly, while working as a lawyer, engaged in a criminal conspiracy to steal public funds. Sheriff Kelly made his name on the

'slopping out' scandal in Scottish Prisons. Facts show that Kelly alongside Aiden O'Neill QC, and others, ran personal campaigns to enhance their reputations rather than represent their clients. They committed a massive fraud by failing to disclose their links to the judges that decided these cases.

An appeal is being prepared.

Looking forward to 2021

Look out for a major paper coming in February 2021. We explain why the Faculty of Advocates is a criminal organisation and that the consequences of this are that no one has ever received a fair trial.

Bi-monthly presentations / meetings will start in Hillhead Library in June (Covid-19 permitting).

Watch out for our Merchandise Launch. The 'I am innocent' product line will be coming to a t-shirt store near you. Scheduled July 2021.

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Next month...

An update on all the campaigns.

An analysis of the feedback from publishing the paper 'The Faculty of Advocates is a criminal organisation.'