

ORGREAVE

TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN



WE ARE WOMEN, WE ARE STRONG



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Women Against Pit Closures (WAPC) was a political movement supporting miners, their families and communities. One of the main reasons the Miners' Strike of 1984–5 was able to continue for as long as it did was because of this support network. Women established groups early on in the year-long strike, in mining communities, in towns and cities throughout Britain and in other countries.

The Women fundraised, fed miners, families and communities, went on picket lines, marched, organised events, meetings and rallies and spoke in support of the strike, including being invited to speak to trade unionists in France, Germany and Russia. This was unprecedented and life-changing for many of the women.

The WAPC movement allowed women to put feminist ideas into practice in an industrial dispute and

empowered women to take a public and leading role in a male-dominated community. As the strike got longer and hardship bit deeper the Women's resolve became stronger, highlighting the importance of the role of Women and families in industrial struggle.

Many Women, who had previously been non-political and even quite hesitant, emerged as gifted and creative individuals. This experience empowered many Women to develop in their future lives with many becoming leaders, politicians and economically independent.

Women continue to play a leading role in the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign. We organise, speak, negotiate and help to ensure that equality is a key issue in the campaign. Our Orgreave Anniversary Rally in June 2017 was organised to profile the role of Women in the Miner's Strike and the Trade Union and Labour Movement.

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A key aim of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign (OTJC) is to obtain a full and independent Public Inquiry into:

- the preplanned militarised nature of police tactics and police brutality against miners.
- wrongful arrests, blatant corruption and perjury connected with the events that occurred when striking miners picketed the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984.
- ensuring the true narrative of what happened at Orgreave and throughout the year-long strike is finally placed in the public domain.

The injustice experienced by miners and communities due to what happened at Orgreave is felt to this day and must be dealt with to achieve Truth and Justice. The manner and scale of pit closures in the 1980s and 90s combined with the implementation of deindustrialisation, mass unemployment, casualisation and welfare reforms feeds into the motivation for the OTJC to seek justice for the Miners and their communities.

10 REASONS WHY WE NEED AN ORGREAVE INQUIRY

1. The incredibly serious and unprecedented nature of what happened at Orgreave.
2. The militarised nature of police tactics on the day.
3. The deliberate construction of a 'false narrative' in police evidence.
4. The deliberate promotion of the 'false narrative' through the media.
5. The lack of legal accountability and failure of the legal system.
6. The ongoing consequences of Orgreave.
7. The role of the Hillsborough and Pitchford Inquiries.
8. New sources of police and government evidence.
9. The key issues associated with Orgreave are still relevant today.
10. The law requires there to be an Inquiry.

4 KEY FEATURES OF AN ORGREAVE INQUIRY

These are the key elements of an Orgreave Inquiry that the OTJC has told the Home Secretary are necessary to make an Inquiry effective.

1. The Inquiry must have the power to require all the relevant information and evidence to be produced to it.
2. Those who have an interest in the Inquiry must be able to fully participate in order to lend their experience, knowledge and understanding to the process.
3. The tribunal conducting the Inquiry investigation must include a range of skills so that people can have confidence that it will fully understand the issues and be independent and objective in its approach.
4. The Inquiry must be transparent, open and accessible and its conclusions publicly explained.

OTJC does not demand an expensive, overly-long Inquiry.

Plenty of information exists and has already been obtained giving an Inquiry a substantial head start to deliver Truth and Justice.