



ORGREAVE

TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN



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A key aim of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign (OTJC) is to obtain a full and independent Inquiry into policing and state involvement at the Orgreave coking plant during the 1984/5 year-long Miners' Strike. The Tory Government have refused repeated requests for any Inquiry.

Our concerns relate to:

- the pre-planned militarised nature of police tactics, and police brutality used against striking miners.
- false charges and falsification of evidence 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.

SUPPORT US IN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE

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 18th June 1984.
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 and the Miners' Strike.
7. The role of undercover policing and policing legislation.
8. New sources of police and government evidence.
9. The key issues associated with Orgreave still being relevant today.
10. It is in the public interest for there to be an Inquiry.

KEY FEATURES OF AN ORGREAVE INQUIRY

These are the key elements of an Orgreave Inquiry that the OTJC has told Home Secretaries and Government are necessary, to make the process 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 panel conducting the Inquiry investigation must include a range of skills so that people can have confidence 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 in an authoritative way.

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

Plenty of information exists and has already been obtained to give an Inquiry a substantial head start to deliver truth and justice. We have been made aware that many police and government papers relating to the Miners' Strike are still embargoed, some until 2066. The Scottish Government has already used political conviction and moral judgement to recognise and try to right historic wrongs for the heavy price the Scottish miners paid for taking action in 1984/5 to protect their industry, jobs and communities.