

Were you targeted by undercover police? An invitation from the Undercover Resear

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The scandal of Mark Kennedy and the spying on the Lawrence family is only the tip of the iceberg. Political policing has targeted social justice and protest groups for a long time, but we are at a unique point in history where we have a chance to do something about it, not least learn the extent to which we were targeted.

This message is going out to all those political activists - left wing, blacklisted, anarchist, labour or union, environmental or animal rights, anti-fascist, peace and justice campaigners - who were spied on by undercover police or have strong reasons to believe they were.

We are organising a series of roundtable discussions around the country to serve several purposes:

1. To start hearing your story in a safe way; and to understand the effects of undercover policing on people and campaigns;
2. To share experience in researching suspicions;
3. To discuss what options are available in terms of legal action or the Public Inquiry into undercover policing; including identifying potential miscarriages of justice, understanding the disruption caused, etc;
4. To develop a strong, collective message about the abuses done in the name of undercover policing and demand that the inquiry addresses them properly, not least by providing the necessary information to answer people's doubts and concerns.

This is not a public meeting or for those merely interested. Those will happen another time. For now we wish to focus on those affected by the presence of undercovers in their campaigns and lives. These meetings are not open to the media, right-wing campaigners or police. Where possible we will seek to provide safe spaces as we are aware of how sensitive some of the state intrusion has been.

We are planning a number of these round-tables around the country:

9 Feb (Tue): Brighton 11 Feb (Thu): Oxford 21 Feb (Sun): Cardiff 22 Feb (Mon): Bristol 29 Feb (Mon): Nottingham

15 March (Tue): Leeds 16 March (Wed): Manchester 17 March (Thu): Liverpool 21 March (Mon): Norwich (TBC)

If you want to attend please drop us an email at contact@undercoverresearch.net . Please forward far and wide. If you cannot make one of these meeting but are interested please get in touch. For more information see <http://UndercoverResearch.net>

These events are supported by the Network for Police Monitoring (<http://NetPol.org>) and the Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance (<http://CampaignOpposingPoliceSurveillance.com>)

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