

# Right to Res ist!

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Resist Attacks!**

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If you are arrested  
Don't panic - stay calm!

Shout your name out  
to the legal observers  
and if possible the ID of  
the police arresting you.

Shout your  
details several  
times.

See inside back cover for  
what to do in custody.

## **Right To Resist:**

a campaign against police violence and intimidation

### Right To Resist

- For the right to organise and protest
- Defend those arrested in the recent student protests
- Stop police brutality and intimidation
- Ban kettling
- Stop the cuts

The vicious police response to the recent student protests is wholly unacceptable and totally uncalled for. The baton charges and use of 'kettling' only serve to fuel anger and frustration and in part, at least, are deliberately designed to provoke strong reactions from demonstrators.

Police brutality and intimidation on demonstrations, protests and picket lines are nothing new. As the class struggle grows in the wake of the Tory/Lib-Dem government's ideology-driven attack on public services and jobs, the role of the police in 'managing' protests will continue to grow and harden.

We demand that all the charges are dropped against all students and their supporters arrested in the recent wave of student activity.

We call for a ban on 'kettling' as a means of control and intimidation of peaceful protesters. 'Kettling' has been added to the armoury of police warfare, alongside baton and horse-mounted police cavalry charges, to intimidate protesters and dissenters.

We believe that the Tory/Lib-Dem government has no majority electoral mandate for the cuts it is pushing through. People voted for the Tory-stooge Lib-Dems on a promise that they would oppose the cuts which they are now helping the Tories railroad through.

We believe 'kettling' is arbitrary imprisonment and is a direct attack on our basic human right to protest,



contravening Articles 10 and 11 of the Human Rights Act. We call on student and labour movement organisations to actively oppose 'kettling'.

Contact [righttoresist.wordpress.com](http://righttoresist.wordpress.com) to add you name the the statement.

## **What to do if you are assaulted by a police officer**

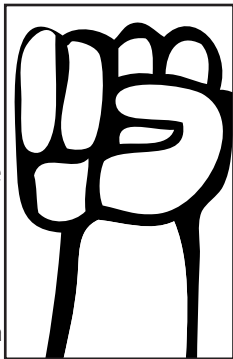
Stay calm. Avoid escalating the situation and risking finding yourself the one being done for assault.

Make a mental note of the description of the person who assaulted you and ideally their name/ID (write it all down as soon as practical). Don't forget to note down when and where it happened.

Look around to see who witnessed the assault. As soon as practical, get their contact details and ask them to write a brief statement about what they saw.

Especially look around for people with cameras who may have footage/ photos of the incident. Even if they don't, they may have images of the situation a few seconds or minutes earlier which may also prove invaluable.

Take photos of your injuries as soon as possible and take more later one to show extent of bruising etc. Seek medical attention as soon as appropriate. It is difficult to take a claim forward without medical reports.



## **Things to do if you're stuck in a cell!**

Start singing! Protest movements have a long tradition of singing protest songs in their cells when arrested. The more people in the cells the better. Teach songs to others (protesters or not!). Write new lyrics to popular songs that everyone knows. It takes up time, lifts the spirits and can play an educative role with others imprisoned.

### **Solidarity Forever**

*(to the tune of John Brown's Body)*

When the union's inspiration through the  
workers' blood shall run,  
There can be no power greater anywhere be-  
neath the sun;  
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble  
strength of one,  
But the union makes us strong.

CHORUS:

Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
For the union makes us strong.

Is there aught we hold in common with the  
greedy parasite,  
Who would lash us into serfdom and would crush  
us with his might?

Is there anything left to us but to organize and  
fight?

For the union makes us strong.

Chorus

It is we who plowed the prairies; built the cities  
where they trade;  
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless  
miles of railroad laid;  
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the  
wonders we have made;

But the union makes us strong.

Chorus

All the world that's owned by idle drones is ours  
and ours alone.

We have laid the wide foundations; built it sky-  
ward stone by stone.

It is ours, not to slave in, but to master and to  
own.

While the union makes us strong.

Chorus

They have taken untold millions that they never  
toiled to earn,  
But without our brain and muscle not a single  
wheel can turn.

We can break their haughty power, gain our  
freedom when we learn

That the union makes us strong.

Chorus

In our hands is placed a power greater than their  
hoarded gold,

Greater than the might of armies, magnified a  
thousand-fold.

We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes  
of the old

For the union makes us strong.

## **The Paris Commune**

On 18 March 1871 the workers of Paris took power in their city. For nine weeks, until they were crushed by the French army after 28 May, they formed the world's first workers' government.

Karl Marx wrote a pamphlet at the time about the Commune, *The Civil War in France*.

In it he focused on defending the Commune against its enemies. He claimed it showed, for the first time, "the political form under which to work out the economic emancipation of labour".

"Its true secret was this. It was essentially a working-class government".

The standing army had been replaced by the armed people; the legislative and executive power was wielded by workers' representatives, elected, accountable, and recallable; and all official jobs were done at workers' wages.

## **The Internationale**

The original French words were written in June 1871 by Eugène Pottier (1816–1887, previously a member of the Paris Commune) and were originally intended to be sung to the tune of La Marseillaise. Pierre De Geyter (1848–1932) set the poem to music in 1888. His melody was first publicly performed in July 1888 and became widely used soon after.

The Internationale has been translated into many of the world's languages. It is sung traditionally with the hand raised in a clenched fist salute.

The Internationale is sung not only by socialists but also by communists and social democrats, as well as anarchists.

*First verse and chorus*

Arise ye workers from your slumbers

Arise ye prisoners of want

For reason in revolt now thunders

And at last ends the age of cant.

Away with all your superstitions

Servile masses arise, arise

We'll change henceforth the old  
tradition

And spurn the dust to win the prize.

Chorus

So comrades, come rally

And the last fight let us face

The Internationale unites the human race.

## **Things to do when you're released**

- ✓ Starting organising and mobilising for the next protest. Kettling, police on horse back charges, arrest, imprisonment - none of these tactics should stop us from fighting back.
- ✓ Contact Right to Resist - put your story on our website, ask around see if anyone got any video footage of your arrest, if they did, get it on to YouTube, make a link to Right to Resist website.
- ✓ Organise a meeting in your college, union, etc. Tell people about the demonstration you were on, what you're fighting for, the role the police played and get other people to support the campaign. Invite a speaker from Right to Resist to speak to your union or anti-cuts group.

# While in custody

✓ You don't have to say anything at all. Giving your name, address and date of birth might speed up your release. These will be checked out before you are released.

**You DON'T have to say anything else.**

- ✓ You will be searched & your possessions taken away.
- ✓ You have the right to have a friend or relative contacted.
- ✓ If you are under 16 the police WILL contact your parents.

**LA BEAUTÉ**



**EST DANS LA RUE**

✓ You have the right to see a doctor if you are sick or hurt.

✓ The police CAN photograph and fingerprint you and take a DNA sample without your consent.

✓ Do not take the duty solicitor ask for the solicitor on this card.

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Solicitors: 0207 833 4433 should be able to come to your interview if you are in London or otherwise advise you by phone on what to do.

