

Welcome Out!

This leaflet is intended for people who were arrested during the G8 protests in Scotland and have just been released. It contains some advice on things you can do now which could help you in the longer term and an explanation of the various directions your case may go in.

Things to do Now

- The first thing is to look after yourself. Were you injured at all? Some of our minibuses are accompanied by medics. If there are no medics around and you are seriously injured then go straight to hospital.
- Make a note of what you are wearing and when/where you were arrested.
- There are a number of people available to talk to at the convergence centres who have experience of dealing with traumatic situations.
- If you were injured at any point it is a good idea to get it documented. We (or the medics) can help with this.
- Make sure legal support know you are out (talk to whoever gave you this or to the legal info point at a convergence centre)

Things to do Soon

- Write an account for yourself of what happened.
- Get anyone else you know who saw what happened to you to do the same and to fill in a witness form.
- It is a good idea to get a second set of photographs of injuries a few days after the incident as not everything shows up at first.
- Make sure you have contact information for your solicitor and for the legal support team
- Keep all the above in a safe place which you'll remember!

Things that may get done to you

If you have been released from a police station without signing an undertaking (see below) then you may hear nothing further, you may be sent a Fixed Penalty Notice (a bit like a speeding fine) or you may be sent a Citation, which means you're being prosecuted. If you were released from the police station on an undertaking (which means you signed a form to say you'd come back to court on a certain date) or were released following a court hearing then you're being prosecuted. If you were released from court you may well have been put on bail — in which case you should have some paperwork explaining what your bail conditions are. If you were released on an undertaking then the only condition is that you come back to court on the date specified — the police cannot impose bail conditions in Scotland.

If you are prosecuted then don't panic — you're not convicted yet! Contact the legal support team, there may have been witnesses who told us what they saw that you don't know. Tell your friends/affinity group — try and make sure someone comes with you to each court date.

If you get a citation in the post then you can plead (Guilty or Not Guilty) by post. If you are on an undertaking then you have to come to court to plead in person. If you plead Not Guilty you'll always have to come to court for the trial. Think about whether you want a solicitor and if so contact one straight away.

There will be defendants meetings on:

