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Liberty and Civil Liberties Trust  
Annual Review 2010

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## Liberty

### Who we are

Liberty is also known as the National Council for Civil Liberties. Founded in 1934, we are a cross-party, non-party membership organisation at the heart of the movement for fundamental rights and freedoms in England and Wales. We promote the values of individual human dignity, equal treatment and fairness as the foundations of a democratic society.

### Our mission

Liberty seeks to protect civil liberties and promote human rights for everyone.

### What we do

Liberty works to protect basic rights and freedoms through the courts, in parliament and in the wider community. We do this through a combination of public campaigning, test case litigation, parliamentary lobbying, policy analysis and the provision of free advice and information.



## The Civil Liberties Trust

The Civil Liberties Trust works to promote human rights and civil liberties through research, policy work, litigation, education and advice. It works in parallel with Liberty and is based in the same building. The Trust does not employ staff but pursues its objectives by funding Liberty to carry out specifically charitable work. Most of the Trust's direct charitable expenditure is represented by grants to Liberty to fund work in the areas of information, research, publications, advice and legal services.

### The Civil Liberties Trust's objectives are:

1. The promotion of domestic human rights including the elimination of the infringement of those rights and the promoting of effective remedies following any breach, for the benefit of the public.
2. The provision of legal advice, assistance and representation on human rights and civil liberties to those unable to pay for it.
3. The provision of educational material and information on civil liberties and human rights.
4. The undertaking and promotion of research into civil liberties and human rights.

**Welcome to our 2010 Annual Review**

2010 was a year of great political change and with this always comes new challenges, but as you will see over the coming pages, business at Liberty carried on as usual. We campaigned on a wide range of issues using all the skills at our disposal and despite the continually changing political landscape over our 76 year history, Liberty’s purpose to champion the rights of ordinary people and hold the powerful to account, has and will remain constant.

We continued to influence policy at the highest levels of Government old and new, with some notable achievements. After years of lobbying, plans to introduce ID cards and a National Identity Register were finally scrapped and Liberty’s successful campaigning on this issue was commended in parliamentary debates. We also won some significant commitments on the removal of innocent people from the DNA database and restrictions on the right to protest around Parliament, as well as an end to child immigration detention. At the Coalition Government’s invitation, we contributed extensively to a review of some of the worst legislative excesses of the ‘War on Terror’. The subsequent reductions in pre-charge detention, police stop and search powers and the use of surveillance show the significant influence of our intervention. Continuing to monitor and fight any remnants of this disgraceful legacy will undoubtedly remain a focus of our work in the year ahead.

Our Common Values campaign gained momentum throughout many of our activities, using a broad range of communications methods to broaden respect and understanding for human rights and to challenge the climate of myth and misunderstanding surrounding the Human Rights Act. We distributed our “What’s Not to Love?” materials to our members, supporters and the public through a variety of methods, including cinema advertising, online speaking engagements and a creative writing competition for schools.

As ever, all of our campaigns were boosted by concerted media work and litigation, with some considerable successes across a range of issues. Victories including on the use of stop and search and surveillance, with significant coverage across various sectors of the media played a crucial role in promoting and raising awareness of all our campaigns.

Along with the political changes, there were also some developments at Liberty, with the launch of our new website and increased social media presence. This has made a huge difference to our ability to share information and campaign actions with our members, and supporters, and for them to share this with their wider networks. We have no doubt that this will continue to be an increasingly vital campaigning and human rights education tool in the years ahead.

Looking forward to 2011 there are undoubtedly some great challenges facing the protection of human rights, perhaps some of the most important in recent history, but looking back at 2010 is a hopeful reminder that with the continued commitment of our staff and the support of our members, together we can continue to achieve some remarkable things.

But we always need your help. The threat to all our hard-won rights and freedoms remains very real and we hope that you will carry on supporting us and being a decisive part of our movement to protect them.

Yours ever,



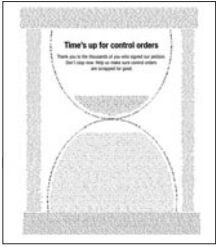
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Chair of Liberty



**Shami Chakrabarti**  
Director of Liberty



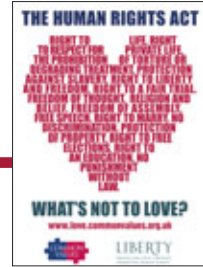
**Christine Jackson**  
Chair of Civil Liberties Trust



**January**  
Online petition opposing Control Orders receives great support.



Liberty wins landmark stop and search case in Court of Human Rights.



**February**  
Common Values "What's Not to Love?" poster and webpage launched [www.libertycommonvalues.org.uk](http://www.libertycommonvalues.org.uk)



ID cards and National Identity Register finally scrapped.



**May**  
Over 1000 parliamentary candidates sign our joint asylum election pledge.



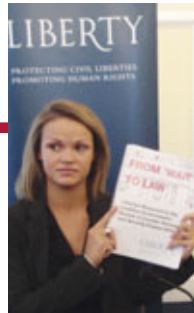
**April**  
Common Values event at Southbank Centre.



**March**  
Liberty joins forces with other NGOs to call for an independent inquiry into the UK's involvement in torture.



**June**  
AGM.



**July**  
Liberty's response to the Counter Terror review *From War to Law* is released.



**August**  
*The Parliamentarian's Guide to the Human Rights Act* is published.



**October**  
Party conferences.



New Liberty website launched.



**September**  
Extradition Watch demo.



Party conferences.



**November**  
Human Rights Awards.



**December**  
*Common Values in the Classroom* advert and 'Write Human Rights' competition launched.



Victory in Project Champion case.

Liberty is a campaigning organisation with over 75 years of expertise. Here are a few highlights from our public campaigning work in 2010.

### Common Values

Common Values, our ongoing campaign which seeks to broaden understanding and respect for human rights, and to counter the damaging myths that surround the Human Rights Act, continues to be our major priority.



In February, we launched an informative, interactive webpage “lovecommonvalues” which received national media coverage. A new poster and slogan – “What’s Not to Love?” – were designed for the campaign, aimed at inspiring pride in the Human Rights Act. The webpage received 1,500 views in the first two days alone and copies of the heart-shaped design “What’s Not to Love?” poster have been widely circulated to our members and supporters, and to schools, colleges and universities around the country to promote the teaching of human rights.

### Common Values in the classroom

To mark International Human Rights Day in December, the Liberty *Common Values in the Classroom* cinema advert, starring Simon Callow and Riz Ahmed, was released and played for two weeks over the Christmas period to an estimated audience of over 400,000.

Also in December, we launched ‘Write Human Rights’, a creative writing competition for schools, providing teachers with powerful and engaging human rights activity for their classroom and a broad platform for young people to learn about the Human Rights Act and how it works to safeguard the rights of children, young people and adults alike.



### Control orders: Unsafe and Unfair

In 2010 we continued to promote our online petition opposing control orders. This received a hugely successful response, and, at the time of closing, had gathered 3000 signatures from members of the public.

We met with a young man who was under a control order for two years (which was subsequently quashed) to gain a greater understanding of his story, which is now used as a case study on our website to highlight the unsafe, unfair nature of control orders.

We created an online political timeline of the control orders debate which has been well-received by politicians and journalists. We also created a “what they said” page and an online photo gallery to list the comments on control orders made by MPs when they were in opposition.

### Extradition Watch



Extradition Watch is Liberty’s

ongoing campaign for fairer extradition laws. Extradition is an important part of criminal law, but changes in recent years have damaged time-honoured protections against unfair extradition. Liberty believes that ‘fast-track’ extradition is justice denied.

During 2010 we continued campaigning for the ‘forum amendment’ to be brought into force. In 2006 amendments were made to the Extradition Act that would allow a UK court to bar extradition (if appropriate) on the grounds that some or all of the alleged conduct had taken place in the UK. However these amendments have never been brought into force. If they had, it would have been possible

for a UK judge to halt the extradition of Gary McKinnon, Christopher Tappin, and others. There is nothing to prevent the Government from activating this amendment and changing the law to help protect future Gary McKinnon's.

We asked our supporters to email their MP to ask them to put pressure on the Government to schedule a motion to debate enforcing the 'forum amendment' and to implement our suggested safeguards to UK extradition law.

We encouraged Liberty members and supporters to send messages of support to Gary McKinnon, who has Asperger's Syndrome and who was charged with hacking into the US Pentagon and NASA systems from his home in London and faces extradition to stand trial in the US. The response was very encouraging, with hundreds of messages received. They were passed on to Gary's family and to the Home Office and we have posted a selection on our website.

We also organised an Extradition Watch demonstration at the extradition hearing of Christopher Tappin, a businessman whom the US has accused of being involved in exporting weapons to Iran, highlighting the flaws and lack of safeguards in current UK extradition laws.

More on page 14.

**[www.extraditionwatch.co.uk](http://www.extraditionwatch.co.uk)**

### **Asylum Election Pledge**

Our joint Asylum Election Pledge with the Refugee Council and the Scottish Refugee Council closed on the day of the General Election in May, with over 1,000 parliamentary candidates signed up, agreeing to respect asylum and reject xenophobia in discussion about asylum and immigration policy. 217 of these signatories were elected to Parliament.

### **Charge or Release**

We resumed our pre-charge

detention campaign, Charge or Release, to call for the period of detention pre-charge to be reduced to 14 days. Liberty's website was updated with new campaign pages and an 'email your MP' tool was created to encourage the participation of our members and supporters in this campaign.



### **Liberty website re-design & social media**

In September we launched our re-designed and re-vamped Liberty website. The new website makes it much easier for visitors to find the information they want, to browse the site, to share content with their friends and networks and to join Liberty as members and take part in our campaigns.

Highlights include a new look which is fresher and more modern; a new Liberty blog; a dedicated Campaigns section and a unique online campaigning tool, the Bill Tracker, which allows visitors to follow the progress of any UK bill that has significant implications for human rights or civil liberties.

Since the launch we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our members and supporters and average daily page views have doubled.

Our social media presence continued to grow throughout 2010 and the number of people following us through these channels has been steadily increasing – we now have over 6,500 fans on Facebook and over 2,000 Twitter followers, both providing valuable word-of-mouth advertising and helping supporters to feel engaged with our campaigns.

## Highlights

- After years of concerted lobbying by Liberty, ID cards and the National Identity Register were finally scrapped in 2010. Not only that; the legislation which introduced the powers was repealed by the incoming Coalition Government. In the parliamentary debates, Ministers paid tribute to Liberty's successful campaign.
- Upon taking office, the Government publicly committed to ending the immigration detention of children and in December the family wing at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre was closed. This is an important first step after a long campaign to end the unjustified punishment of innocent children. Liberty will be monitoring the development of the Government's alternative process for families and children who face deportation.
- Following Liberty's intensive lobbying against the worst legislative excesses of the 'War on Terror', in July the Coalition Government announced a review into seven key areas of counter terror policy and the Home Secretary expressly invited Liberty to contribute. We published a detailed response, *From War to Law*, providing expert analysis on control orders; police stop and search; deportation of foreign nationals; proscription of organisations; local authority use of targeted surveillance; pre-charge detention and terror asset freezing. At the end of 2010 the Government's response was still pending.
- Liberty successfully lobbied for an inquiry into the UK's role in the treatment of detainees abroad and allegations of complicity in torture. The inquiry, which follows years of litigating and public



campaigning, is expected to commence in 2011.

- Liberty's continued lobbying has secured a Government commitment to remove hundreds of thousands of innocent people from the DNA database by implementing the Scottish system of DNA retention.
- Liberty supported the passage of the Equality Act 2010. The Act consolidates and extends equality protection in the public sphere; in the workplace; in the provision of goods and services and more.
- Liberty successfully lobbied for the suspension of the police power to stop and search individuals without suspicion under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 pending the outcome of the Counter-Terror Review. We have proposed that it should be replaced with a much tighter and more proportionate power.
- Having built substantial public and political pressure for reform, we secured a review of the UK's extradition framework chaired by Sir Scott Baker. Liberty has submitted expert evidence to the review which is due to report in 2011.
- Liberty successfully secured the planned repeal of sections 132-138 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 which requires pre-authorisation for protests in the vicinity of Parliament. Clauses repealing the offending provisions were included in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill introduced to Parliament in December. The Government is seeking to legislate for alternative restrictions on protest in Parliament Square which Liberty is opposing.
- We secured the removal of a proposed amendment to the PACE Codes of Practice which would have given the police license to discriminate on the grounds of race in stop and search decisions. The Home Office proposed amending Pace Code A in relation to stop and search without

suspicion under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to allow for ethnicity to form part of the decision to stop and search. After Liberty's concerted lobbying, the offending proposal was removed from the revised code.

- We successfully lobbied for the decommissioning of the ContactPoint database, which would have held the sensitive personal details of millions of children. Liberty lobbied vigorously against the legislation that created the database. The type and amount of information due to be retained, along with the planned access regime could have easily put more children at risk as well as making 'at risk' children harder to identify.
- In August we published *A Parliamentarian's Guide to the Human Rights Act* which was sent to all parliamentarians. It explains how the Human Rights Act operates and how it is relevant to the work of MPs and Peers. It also explains the truth behind some of the most common myths and misconceptions about the Act.
- Following the General Election we hosted a reception for parliamentarians in Westminster attended by MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum including a number of Cabinet Ministers. We also hosted highly successful fringe events at all three main party conferences, welcoming among others the Lord Chancellor, the Attorney General, a Labour leadership candidate, and the Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader.
- Liberty was awarded the 2010 Political Studies Association Diamond Jubilee Award for Setting the Political Agenda.
- Liberty was mentioned at least 100 times in parliamentary debates throughout the year. In total the organisation produced 57 parliamentary briefings in 2010: 40 bill briefings, 14 consultation responses and 3 expert evidence papers.

## Lobbying

In 2010 Liberty successfully lobbied Parliament on several important bills, including the Equality Bill, Crime and Security Bill, Digital Economy Bill, Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill, two Terror Asset Freezing etc Bills, Identity Documents Bill, Defamation Bill, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, and the Public Bodies Bill.



Liberty also lobbied on a number of pieces of secondary legislation that came before Parliament, including: the renewal of control orders, the renewal of 28 days pre-charge detention; changes to the Codes of Practice for the exercise of police powers; and changes to the immigration rules including a pre-entry language requirement for spouses joining a partner in the UK and reforms to the right to family re-unification for refugees.

## Consultations

Liberty responded to a number of Government consultations, on issues as diverse as: asylum support; the right of private prosecution for crimes against humanity; body scanners; reform of the extradition framework; statutory requirements for workers' criminal records bureau checks; equality duties; the immigration detention of children; a review of the Prevent strategy; and proposals for a "Freedom Bill".

## Expert evidence

Liberty was invited to give expert oral evidence to a number of influential parliamentary committees and made several appearances before the Home Affairs Select Committee, the Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Crime and Security Bill Committee, and the Identity Documents Bill Committee.

**“Many thanks for all your diligent work; I couldn’t have done it without the heavyweight backing of Liberty!”**

Liberty legal client

Our Legal team represent people in cases that we believe will have significant implications for the way that human rights law is applied. We also use our expertise to inform other human rights cases through legal interventions. Here are just a few of the cases we were involved in throughout 2010.

### Stop and search

In January the European Court of Human Rights handed down its ruling in *Gillan & Quinton v UK*, in which our clients challenged the police’s power under section 44 of the Terrorism Act 2000 to search people, without any grounds to suspect them. Overruling the House of Lords the Strasbourg Court held that a search on the street does amount to an interference with the searched person’s private life. It held that the power under section 44 is too broad and lacks adequate safeguards against abuse – particularly on racially discriminatory grounds. It held that our clients’ rights under Article 8 had been violated.

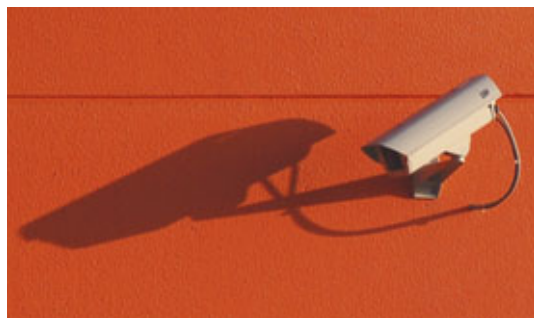
### Non-discrimination

In September the European Court of Human Rights gave its judgment on our case *JM v UK*. Our client was the absent parent for the purposes of a child support assessment. Because our client was in a same-sex relationship, her and her partner’s joint housing costs were treated differently – and less advantageously – than they would have been had they been an other-sex couple. We represented *JM* in proceedings before the UK courts, ultimately losing in the House of Lords. In its judgment, the European Court held that there had indeed been a violation of *JM*’s rights under Article 14 (non-discrimination) and awarded her compensation. The Court

re-affirmed that very persuasive reasons are necessary to justify a difference in treatment based on sexual orientation.

### Unlikely victims of the ‘War on Terror’

In November, the Attorney General confirmed that he would not bring contempt of court proceedings against our clients, two independent film-makers whose footage of a terror suspect under restrictive immigration bail conditions was broadcast on Newsnight. The filming took place in the man’s home, in breach of a bail condition that he bring no electronic storage equipment into his flat. After contact from lawyers at Liberty, the Attorney General decided that further action would not be in the public interest.



### Surveillance

Liberty represented local residents in Birmingham in a challenge to Project Champion. Around 300 CCTV and Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras were put up in two predominantly Muslim areas of the city. The project was secretly funded by an ACPO anti-terrorism fund. We threatened judicial review arguing that the project was incompatible with Article 8 (privacy) and discriminatory in breach of Article 14 (non-discrimination). In December, the West Midlands Police Authority ordered the removal of all cameras associated with the scheme.

In August the Investigatory Powers Tribunal gave its ruling in our case brought on behalf of a family subjected to surveillance by their local

council. The council wanted to check whether the family was indeed living within the catchment area of a local school and authorised surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. The Tribunal agreed with us that the criteria for authorising surveillance were not met, that the surveillance was not necessary and that the family's rights under Article 8 (privacy) were breached.

### Right to peaceful dissent

We represented a man who writes regular protest letters to companies involved in the arms industry. The Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency had written threatening him with prosecution under the Malicious Communications Act if he did not stop sending letters to a company owned by the MOD. The MOD acceded to our request to withdraw the threat of criminal proceedings and apologised to our client.



### Open justice

In December, the Divisional Court upheld the decision of the Coroner dealing with the 7/7 Inquests that she did not have the power to adopt a closed procedure which would exclude the bereaved families when she considered security sensitive material. Liberty intervened jointly with Justice and Inquest. The Government did not appeal the ruling.

### Transfer of prisoners to Iraqi jurisdiction

We intervened jointly with other NGOs in the case of *Al-Saadoon v UK* in the European Court of Human Rights. The case concerned two Iraqi prisoners who were held in British military custody, having been charged with murder under Iraqi law. In breach of an interim order from the Court, the British Government transferred the applicants to the Iraqi authorities with the result that they faced the death penalty if convicted. The Court ruled that the applicants had been within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom Government and that their transfer breached Articles 3 (inhuman treatment), 13 (right to effective remedy) and 34 (compliance with interim measures).

### Medical treatment for asylum seeker

We represented a failed asylum seeker who was refused treatment for a facial tumour. As he was liable to removal from the UK, despite having a partner and two young children here, his primary care trust refused to treat his very aggressive cancer. He was informed that if treatment did not start within 5 days, his condition would certainly become terminal. He was offered palliative care. His social worker contacted Liberty and we visited him at his hospice the next day. We sent off an urgent letter of claim and the following day funding was approved for a full course of treatment. By the same evening he was admitted to hospital to start chemotherapy.

**“Thanks for your very comprehensive advice... It’s great to know you’re there”**

Advice Service user

A central part of Liberty’s campaigning work is raising awareness; broadening respect and understanding of human rights and their universal application among the general public. We also provide a free legal advice service which helps thousands of individuals every year.

### Advice Service

In 2010 Liberty’s Advice and Information team responded to 4,358 written and telephone requests from people who wished to know more about their rights and the law; this included the advice and information team delivering 1,001 pieces of substantive written advice. The service offers access to justice for some of the most marginalised and vulnerable members of society by providing clear and detailed free legal advice.

Records of the number of page views show 710,613 people accessed information on human rights and civil liberties through Liberty’s legal information website, [www.yourrights.org.uk](http://www.yourrights.org.uk)

Liberty Public Advice Line: 0845 123 2307

Monday and Thursday: 6.30 to 8.30pm and  
Wednesday: 12.30 to 2.30pm

### Sharing expertise

Every year Liberty runs numerous workshops, information sessions, seminars and talks on a variety of human rights issues for a wide range of audiences including students, practitioners and members of the public.

In 2010 Liberty’s Advice and Information team gave a number of talks at schools in various parts of the country. These talks introduced pupils to a variety of human rights and civil liberties issues, including the importance of

the Human Rights Act; the blanket retention of DNA taken on arrest; and issues surrounding criminal records bureau disclosures.

In November 2010 Liberty held a series of seminars aimed at volunteer law students and practitioners who support the work of the Advice and Information team. The seminars covered a range of issues including police powers and protests, discrimination and prisoner rights.

To mark International Human Rights Day, Advice and Information Officers delivered talks on Liberty’s work and the history of human rights legislation.



### Protest

Following the student protests in London in November and December 2010, the Advice and Information team was contacted by a large number of protesters who had been contained by police (‘kettled’). We continue to liaise with protesters in gathering evidence to support the litigation being brought by Liberty’s Legal team on behalf of several protesters who were ‘kettled’.

In addition, the Advice and Information team has responded to a substantial number of queries concerning protest rights and ‘kettling’, both from those directly involved in the protests and concerned members of the public. This increased interest in protest and police tactics is expected to continue into 2011.

“... Liberty has campaigned tirelessly for individual human dignity, equal treatment and fairness - the foundations of a democratic society... [their] ability to engage, communicate and to campaign on behalf of all sections of society is a perfect example of how public relations can be a force for good”

Jay O'Connor, 2010 President  
Chartered Institute of Public Relations

Our media work helps to raise public awareness of human rights and civil liberties and keep our campaigns in the news.

## Punching above our weight

Liberty's media profile is comparable to that of much larger campaigning organisations although we have a fraction of the staff and resources. Liberty was mentioned 3,164 times in the media in 2010 (a third more than in 2009), giving an average of 60 mentions every week, or 8 mentions a day.

## Reaching across the political spectrum

Targeted media work means we get our message out across the political spectrum. In 2010 Liberty's work continued to be covered with equal frequency in both the right and left leaning national press.

Our ability to reach different sections of the media can be seen in the coverage of the new Government's decision to

scrap ID cards. Liberty's response was covered not only by the *Mirror* and the *Guardian*, but also by the *Times* and the *Daily Mail* – in addition to broadcast interviews on both straight news programmes and more populist shows in equal measure. Significantly, Liberty's Director was able to positively promote the Human Rights Act in the *Sun* when she wrote about the inquest into the death of Naomi Bryant.

## Liberty's proactive media work

Liberty's Press Office increased the amount of proactive media work it carried out in 2010. This was in part because of the close working relationship between Liberty departments. For example, Liberty's legal and policy work gained wide-ranging coverage throughout the year. Liberty's section 44 stop and search victory in the European Court of Human Rights was covered across national and regional

media outlets – and ultimately led to a suspension of this controversial power.

When Liberty clients in Birmingham uncovered a project to use ANPR cameras to monitor a predominantly Muslim neighbourhood, the story gained consistently good coverage and maintained media interest throughout the year as the campaign progressed.

Liberty's response to the Counter-Terror Review, which was launched at a press conference, resulted in an injection of much needed expert opinion into the media debate around the review.

**SHAMI Chakrabarti**  
Director of Liberty GUEST COLUMNIST

**CONTROLS SO OUT OF ORDER**

WHAT about the horror of being punished forever for something you never did? Next week the Government will go to Parliament to renew its system of "control orders" allowing punishment without charge or trial.

Under laws passed in 2005, if the Home Secretary suspects you of involvement in terrorism, he can place you under a sort of anti-terror Azzo with no need to prosecute you for any criminal offence. The police don't even have to interview you.

The order is made on the basis of "secret intelligence" you will never see.

A control order can place you under house arrest for up to 16 hours a day, ban you from meeting anyone without Home Office permission and even force you to live in another part of the country, away from your friends and family. Any innocent person and their loved ones would go mad but no suicide bomber would be prevented from going to the local shops and blowing himself up.

Seven out of the 45 "control orders" have completely disappeared, so this madness is both unsafe and unfair.

For goodness sake put these people on trial. Put the guilty ones behind bars and let the innocent rebuild their lives.

**Give grieving mum closure**

**THE loss of a child is every parent's fear. Losing your daughter to a brutal murderer is a living nightmare.**

This week brought the inquest that officialdom wanted to bury. Mum-of-one Naomi Bryant, 40, was killed in 2005 by Anthony Rice, on release from prison 16 years into a life sentence for violent attempted rape.

He had previously served seven years for rape and threats to kill and had convictions going back 30 years for indecent assault, including one on a five-year-old girl.

When the Parole Board decided to release Rice, they didn't even have access to his full past record. He was supposed to be under probation service supervision but, in one of the most pathetic examples of bureaucratic buck passing, the Chief Inspector of Probation, Andrew Bridges, blamed "human rights" for their failures.

Naomi's mother, Verna, had a simple response: "What about my daughter's human rights?"

Verna was spot on and that's why Liberty is representing her. Violent sex offenders have a right to a fair trial but, once properly convicted and sentenced, no automatic "right" to early release. All of us have the right to be protected by the authorities and, when they fall down on the job, we are entitled to find out why.

After Rice admitted killing Naomi that would have been the end of it – no inquest, no answers, no criminal justice agencies in the dock.

**Special**

But acting for Verna, we used the right to life under the Human Rights Act to get an inquest to help bring her nightmare to a close.

Verna is one of the most special people I have met. She doesn't want Rice's blood. She doesn't want the Government's money – just answers to difficult questions about how the system failed her daughter so the rest of our children can be better protected.

## Parliamentary meetings and party conferences

Following the 2010 General Election we hosted a drinks reception for parliamentarians to welcome old friends and new to Westminster. The reception was well attended by MPs and Peers from across the political spectrum including a number of Cabinet Ministers. Liberty's Director, along with the Lord Chancellor Rt Hon Ken Clarke, Diane Abbott MP, the Home Secretary Rt Hon Theresa May and the Business Secretary Rt Hon Dr Vince Cable addressed assembled guests about the importance of Liberty's role in campaigning for human rights and holding Government to account.

We also hosted highly successful fringe events at all three main party and TUC conferences, focussing on the future of human rights protection in the UK. At Liberty's Liberal Democrat fringe, guests heard from the Liberal Democrat Deputy Leader Rt Hon Simon Hughes, Home Office Minister and Minister for Equalities Lynne Featherstone and Ministry of Justice Minister Rt Hon Lord McNally. At the Labour fringe event we welcomed Labour leadership candidate Diane Abbott MP. At Conservative party conference we welcomed Attorney General Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC and Lord Chancellor Rt Hon Ken Clarke to Liberty's fringe panel. Liberty also hosted a joint fringe event with UNITE at the TUC conference where panellists included the then Joint-General Secretary of UNITE Tony Woodley and Jim Sheridan MP.

## Extradition Watch stunt

In September, we organised an Extradition Watch demonstration at the extradition hearing of Christopher Tappin, the Kent businessman whom the US has accused of being involved in exporting weapons to Iran. The demonstration enabled us to bring attention to the flaws in current UK extradition laws, highlighting the lack of safeguards for UK residents subject to an extradition request.

## Sharing Common Values on International Human Rights Day

Liberty celebrated International Human Rights Day on 10 December with the joint launch of our *Common Values in the Classroom* cinema advert starring long-term Liberty supporters Riz Ahmed and Simon Callow, and the 'Write Human Rights' competition, with judges including best-selling authors Ali Smith, Georgia Byng and Anthony Horowitz.

Both projects provide a powerful and engaging framework to broaden respect and understanding of human rights and the Human Rights Act amongst children and young people, and to counter some of the myth and misunderstanding surrounding the Act. Over 100 schools have registered from across the country and the competition continues throughout 2011.

## Human Rights Awards

This year marked a new 'look and feel' for Liberty's annual Human Rights Awards. Held at the Southbank Centre in November, hosted by Rory Bremner and assisted by an array of guest presenters, including long-term Liberty supporters Honor Blackman, Simon Callow and Riz Ahmed, the Home Secretary Rt Hon Theresa May and Shadow Chancellor Rt Hon Ed Balls among others. The format and range of the awards was considerably extended to recognise and include those working in human rights outside of the legal sphere. Several new awards were added aimed at recognising the campaigning spirit, determination and achievements of other professional campaigning organisations and individual campaigners working to protect and uphold human rights on a local and national level. A Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented to the Bingham family, in recognition of the late Lord Bingham's vast contribution to the British judiciary and inspiration in the field of human rights.

Over 170 celebrities, journalists, members, supporters and Parliamentarians attended.

**Liberty Council**

Lucy Armstrong  
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 Caspar Bowden  
 Bill Bowring  
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 Sarah Ludford  
 Michael McColgan  
 Terry McGuinness  
 Sonali Naik  
 Nick O'Shea  
 Deok Joo Rhee  
 Joanna Shaw  
 Stephen Ward  
 Mazin Zeki

**The following Council Members  
retired in 2010**

Julian Huppert

**Liberty's Executive Committee  
(and Board of Directors)**

Tish Andrewartha (Treasurer)  
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 Vivienne Westwood DBE, RDI

**Income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Grants, donations and legacies	<b>749,028</b>	951,244
Membership subscriptions	<b>534,495</b>	492,710
Legal and other earned income	<b>68,538</b>	108,872
Interest receivable	<b>5,152</b>	976
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 1,357,213</b>	<b>£ 1,553,802</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Research projects	<b>6,870</b>	5,900
Legal and advice work	<b>244,338</b>	254,041
Training and events	<b>72,616</b>	72,522
Membership and fundraising	<b>210,913</b>	241,296
Campaigns and advocacy	<b>657,923</b>	445,788
Management and overheads	<b>407,982</b>	418,962
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 1,600,642</b>	<b>£ 1,438,509</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	<b>36,291</b>	51,708
Current assets	<b>629,076</b>	989,975
Deferred grant income	-	(100,000)
Other creditors	<b>(72,408)</b>	(105,295)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£ 592,959</b>	<b>£ 836,388</b>
Restricted funds	-	41,446
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	<b>225,537</b>	467,788
Legacy fund	<b>331,131</b>	275,446
Fixed assets reserve	<b>36,291</b>	51,708
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£ 592,959</b>	<b>£ 836,388</b>

**Statement from the Board of The National Council for Civil Liberties**

The summarised accounts above have been extracted from the full annual financial statements of The National Council for Civil Liberties prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, which were approved by the Board on 20 May 2011. The full annual financial statements have been audited and the auditors' opinion was unqualified. They are to be submitted to the Registrar of Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Company. For further information the full financial statements, the auditors' report on those financial statements and the Board's annual report should be consulted. Copies of these may be obtained from the Secretary at 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA.

**Income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Voluntary income including legacies	<b>443,659</b>	627,506
Investment income – bank interest	<b>8,726</b>	14,013
Activities for generating funds	<b>211,905</b>	55,553
Incoming resources from charitable activities	<b>38,350</b>	38,350
Other incoming resources	<b>29</b>	–
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 702,669</b>	<b>£ 735,422</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Costs of generating funds	<b>17,020</b>	25,243
Grants payable to Liberty	<b>148,875</b>	538,756
Other charitable expenditure	<b>156,651</b>	80,750
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 322,546</b>	<b>£ 644,749</b>
<b>Losses on investments</b>	<b>£ (344)</b>	<b>£ (2,133)</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed asset – freehold property	<b>2,563,366</b>	2,605,076
Less: Mortgage due after one year	<b>(1,374,144)</b>	(1,423,368)
Less: Mortgage due under one year	<b>(49,224)</b>	(47,030)
	<b>1,139,998</b>	1,134,678
Current assets	<b>1,346,198</b>	1,063,669
Creditors excluding mortgage	<b>(145,544)</b>	(237,474)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£ 2,340,652</b>	<b>£ 1,960,873</b>
Unrestricted funds:		
General fund	<b>1,200,655</b>	826,195
Fixed assets reserve	<b>1,139,997</b>	1,134,678
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£ 2,340,652</b>	<b>£ 1,960,873</b>

**Note**

The above summarised accounts have been extracted from the Charity's unaudited management accounts. The full audited statutory report and accounts will be available from the Charity at 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA after they have been approved on 15 September 2011.

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Thank you to all who supported our campaigns and events throughout 2010, including all those who spoke at our AGM and party conference events and presented awards on our behalf at the 2010 Liberty Human Rights Awards –

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and Rory Bremner.



**November**  
Human Rights Awards

We depend on the support of our members for all the work we do, so we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our members, for everything that we achieved together in 2010.

**Thank you to all Liberty's staff, for their hard work, dedication and commitment.**

“The support I receive from Liberty is invaluable in helping me to challenge the Government on key civil liberties’ issues. Liberty plays a key role in enabling Parliamentarians to pursue a reforming agenda and setting the freedom agenda.”

Mr Tom Brake MP

“Liberty is there not only to champion civil liberties but to remind us all of our responsibility to do what we can to protect them. To this end, we receive not only briefings but ideas and practical suggestions as to how freedoms can be defended or enhanced. It is through this creative challenge posed by Liberty that better law is passed and none of us forget the role we all have in never taking our freedom for granted.”

Mr Vernon Coaker MP  
(Shadow Minister for Policing)

“Liberty serves an essential role in providing a clear voice on the importance of protecting hard won civil liberties in our society, and as a Member of Parliament and a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, I greatly value their in-depth work and briefings.”

Ms Nicola Blackwood MP

“I cannot say how grateful I am for your assistance in this matter, which does go beyond simply my problem.”

Legal client

“Thank you for what I consider to be a superb and very helpful response.”

Advice Service user

“Thank you so much for your bespoke (and free!) legal advice.”

Advice Service user

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