

The Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance (COPS) helps coordinate, publicise & support the quest for justice for people affected by political undercover police infiltration and spying and to ensure such abuses do not continue.

Dear Friends & Comrades

Alongside many of you in campaigns and in protests, 2024 has been another busy year for *COPS*, with our sister campaigns against secret political undercover policing – <u>Police Spies Out</u> <u>Of Lives</u>, <u>The Monitoring Group</u>, <u>The Blacklist Support Group</u>, and <u>Undercover Research Group</u>. Given the interrelated interest impact on campaigners, we have developed this pack for Unions, Trades Councils, and other organisations.

Thanks to the campaigners, lawyers & journalists who have worked so hard to expose these facts, some rulings & admissions have already been won which are so far devastating for the police, security services and Government. We thank you for your support & solidarity in this ongoing campaign, for those of you who have shared, spoken up or linked the past injustices with today's attacks on democratic rights to protest.

Solidarity!

Included in this pack are:

1. **A NEW model resolution** for discussion & solidarity

2. Affiliation & Donation

3. Communications - Podcasts, Books, Articles, Film +



Model Motion

We have drafted a template motion for discussion in your branches, regions & groups/parties. We'd welcome feedback on what questions came up & ways to connect to current laws & campaigns.

This (branch/region/national) supports **Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance (COPS)** in collaboration with sister organisations **Police Spies Out Of Lives, The Blacklist Support Group, The Monitoring Group** and the **Undercover Research Group**, who coordinate, publicise and support the quest for justice for people affected by political undercover police spying to ensure such abuses do not continue. Swathes of left-wing, progressive & labour movements & individuals have been targeted by Britain's secret police for decades.

We believe that everyone has the right to participate in the struggle for social & environmental justice, without fear of persecution, objectification, or interference in their lives. We now know over 1000 groups have been spied on.

We condemn senior police & successive Governments who authorised:

- 1. The spying on families, friends, witnesses and campaigners seeking truth and justice over the deaths of loved ones, such as the Lawrence family, & associated institutional racism
- 2. The gross intrusion of undercover officers forming intimate & sexual relationships whilst in their undercover persona & associated institutional sexism
- 3. The theft of the identities of dead children
- 4. Aiding the illegal blacklisting of trade union members and political activists, & passing information on individuals to private investigators & corporations
- 5. The wrongful convictions brought about by misconduct of police & prosecutors

6. *The excessive secrecy, delays, and redaction of files for the non-state core participants* to the Undercover Policing Inquiry.

We call for

- 1. An end to political undercover policing covering social justice, environmental, union & family campaigns
- 2. The outlawing of intimate and sexual relationships by officers whilst undercover
- 3. The release of all cover names of the officers involved and a truly public inquiry with a panel of experts in institutional misogyny, racism & class bias to assist the Chair in reaching Inquiry conclusions & recommendations.
- 4. Protective measures to prevent serving and retired intelligence-gathering officers from passing information to private sector corporations & investigators.
- 5. Support and encouragement for police whistleblowers.
- 6. A public apology from the police to all those affected & confirmation this will not happen again
- Repeal of the CHIS (Covert Human Intelligence Sources Criminal Conduct)
 2021 Act which scandalously sanctioned the above abuses to continue.

This branch/ region/ national union/ organisation will

- 1. **Affiliate/Donate** Affiliation at a sliding scale from £50 upwards. Donate whatever you can!
- 2. **Communicate** Share relevant updates to the full branch membership & communications channels
- 3. **Distribute the motion** to Region/National/National Executive/Political affiliates or departments for further support & integration into wider political policies & political education.
- 4. Lobbying on this issue to your MP, & any political organisations that have <u>delegates</u> in your union or communities.



Affiliation/Donation

We campaign for **Everyone** to have the right to participate in the struggle for social & environmental justice, without fear of persecution, objectification, or interference in their lives. Please do affiliate, donate & join the mailing list for updates and opportunities to work with us.

1. Branch/Trades Council - £50 or Region/ Devolved Nations - £100

- 2. National (Fewer than 100,000 members) **£200** | National (100,000+ members) **£400**
- 3. We also welcome donations for Tranche 2 continuing in Oct-Dec, we need at least **£5000.** This will support travel to hearings, some care support, subsistence reimbursement and paid hours for the increased communications, and wider support needed at these times.

Please write cheques to: 'Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance'



Bank transfer: Unity Trust Bank, 60-83-01, 20343239.

Or Payal directly Online

Name of organisation.

Main contact

Email

Mobile Number

Do you want a speaker or additional information? (Yes, No, both)

When (provide 2-3 dates with times being proposed & how long)

Any specific area or broad information? *Please note if you have had speakers before, when & what focus or issues are ongoing or could be linked*).

Are there any access needs to consider while speaking at the meeting? For example, remote, in-person or hybrid, Will there be closed captions? Or lips need to be seen for those who lip-read? Questions or summary information in advance or short breaks provided to attendees and speakers if needed?).

Fill in the PDF with details on, or within an email. Subject header with either 'Speaker, Donation, Question'

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Communications

The <u>COPS website</u> has blogs, weekly reports from the inquiry & wider campaign articles. With easy-to-follow information on <u>spycops</u> as well as our sister campaigns with particular areas of focus – <u>Police Spies Out Of Lives</u>, <u>The Monitoring Group</u>, <u>The Blacklist Support</u> <u>Group</u>, and <u>Undercover Research Group</u>.



<u>Tom Fowler</u> continues to share live Inquiry coverage and <u>podcast episodes</u>. He has also done an excellent '<u>visitors' guide</u> to the inquiry & individual officer profiles. Follow **#spycops** <u>@copscampaign</u> on 'X' with <u>videos & links in the facebook group</u>

BBC Podcast - <u>Undercover: The Spycops</u> a compelling new podcast launched earlier this year. The first 10 episodes focused on the case of <u>Mark Kennedy</u>, who deceived numerous women into relationships whilst infiltrating environmental & social justice groups & whose unmasking cracked open the whole scandal of Britain's political secret police.

The second half of the podcast series was launched in June 2024, encompassing the deployments of other notorious officers such as <u>Andy 'Davey' Coles</u> and <u>Carlo 'Neri'</u> <u>Soracchi</u>. Blacklisting of trade unionists, theft of deceased children's identities & sexual abuse of women activists is discussed in some detail, as are institutional elements of the spycops' abuses.

Just out! <u>MAXINE PEAKE voices 'Jenny'</u>, one of the women from PSOOL who was deceived into an intimate, sexual relationship with Trevor Morris, the undercover police officer



Watch a feature-length documentary & consider arranging screenings of <u>'The Spies Who</u> <u>Ruined Our Lives'</u>



Read - <u>Deep Deception</u> - Written by five of the women who founded Police Spies Out Of Lives, <u>Blacklisted</u> by Dave Smith & Phil Chamberlain, <u>Secret Manoeuvres in the Dark</u> by Eveline Lubbers, <u>Small Town Girl</u> by Donna McLean, <u>Undercover</u> by Rob Evans & Paul Lewis.



Coming up 2025 - **Theatre -** will be the 'Deep Deception' documentary series & a short film 'We Did Not Consent' featuring 3 PSOOL women working with Breach Theatre & The Guardian



The following links are a fraction of the coverage

- Undercover policing unit tactics not justified says report BBC News
- <u>Victims hold news conference after undercover policing inquiry Sky News</u>
- <u>'Spy cops' scandal: what is it and why was public inquiry set up? The</u> <u>Guardian</u>
- <u>'It was the job of the security services to smear people</u>'

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