

DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

1. The role of a Defence Committee is to organise support for the Defendants by: raising money; organising events; publicising material arguing the case of the Campaign; putting pressure on the police; coordinating activities where more than one support body exists, and often deciding the political line.
2. Two types of D.C's:
 - a) Closed- A closed D.C. is composed of people invited to participate on it with the defendants. In these cases the D.C. usually decides the political line itself because there are no "outsiders". Broad-based support can sometimes be a problem.
 - b) Open- An open D.C. is one where organisations are asked to affiliate & send a delegate. In such cases the "political line" is usually decided by defendants and close advisers.

Whatever the case, the D.C. must be composed of defendants & political activists - otherwise decision making becomes difficult and time consuming.

I would like to make the following proposals:

1. Defendants decide a general political line.
2. Invite a few people to organise an open D.C.
3. The defendants each nominate one representative for themselves onto the committee.
4. Some defendants must attend D.C. meetings.
5. The D.C. organises Support Groups in Oldham, Manchester, London and other areas if possible.
6. People from these areas have access and are invited to participate on the D.C.