

Upcoming Australian protests demanding freedom for Julian Assange!

Julian Assange is now in immediate danger. He is trapped in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. The Ecuadorean Government of Lenin Moreno has blocked all visitors except his lawyers and all communication with the outside world. The Ecuadorean Government has made it clear they want Julian out of the Embassy as soon as possible. June 19th marks the sixth year anniversary of Julian fleeing into the Embassy to avoid arrest and likely extradition to the United States to face Espionage charges. There is a conspiracy by the Imperialist powers including Britain, the United States and Julian's home country of Australia to railroad him into prison or death as a punishment for his fearless commitment to exposing the crimes of the powerful.



This threat to Julian must be met by a powerful response from the working class to demand his immediate freedom and protection from extradition to the United States. The World Socialist Website sums up why this struggle is so vital:

"This movement by masses of workers against inequality, oppression and class exploitation is, by its very logic, bound up with the fight to defend democratic rights and the struggle against war. The recent strike wave by teachers in the US has demonstrated that access to the Internet and the exchange of information is a critical condition for the development of the class struggle. It is not only that the working class is important to the defense of democratic rights, but democratic rights are vital to the working class! In order to organize and take forward their struggles, workers must be able to

freely communicate, express their views, and, most importantly of all, know the truth. This connection must be made conscious, and thus the basis for a struggle.” – [The working class must mobilize to free Julian Assange!- World Socialist Website May 30th 2018](#)



Protests have been called around the globe around the anniversary of Julian entering the Embassy including in London, Ireland and the United States.

Protests in Australia are especially important as Julian is still an Australian citizen. In 2012 the Gillard ALP Government labelled Wikileaks actions as “illegal” as pledged to cooperate with moves to have Assange prosecuted in the U.S. The Turnbull Government has done nothing to fight for Assange’s rights as a persecuted Australian. Julian must be brought home safely by the Australian Government.

Details of Australian protests are provided below:

Upcoming Rallies and protests in Australia

SYDNEY



Sunday, June 17th 1-3 PM, Socialist Equality Party Rally, Sydney Town Hall Square : Speakers include John Pilger and James Cogan SEP National Secretary. Endorsed by Julian Burnside QC and Terry Hicks (Father of David Hicks), Chris Hedges (Pulitzer Prizing winner Journalist), Professor Stuart Rees [Facebook](#)

[event](#) and [website](#)



Tuesday June 19th 9AM – 1PM British Consulate Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place, Sydney – [Facebook Event](#)

MELBOURNE



Vigil outside British Consulate, – Tuesday 19th 12-2PM.: Vigil will be attended by Julian’s father, John Shipton and other young member of Julian’s family will be in attendance. Julian is totally isolated from his friends and family whilst trapped in the Ecuadorean Embassy.

Speakers include :

Greg Barnes : Greg is a distinguished Australian Barrister and political figure who is a advisor for both Julian Assange and Wikileaks. Here is [a link to a recent article](#) he wrote for the Sydney Morning Herald on Assange.

James Cogan: National Secretary of the Socialist Equality Party (SEP):The Socialist Equality are playing a leading role

in the campaign to defend Julian Assange and fight internet censorship. They have also called protests in Sydney, Tamil Nadu and Columbo and are publishing many articles on the campaign on the World Socialist Website.

[Class-conscious website](#) and [Facebook event](#).

Shirley Shackleton: whose journalist husband Greg was murdered by Indonesian forces in Balibo on the eve of the Indonesian invasion of East Timor. Shirley fought for decades for the East Timorese and against the Australian government's cover up of her husband's murder (& four other journalists).

Solidarity Light Vigil, Melbourne CBD – Tuesday 19th 6-8 PM

Bring candles and loved ones to show support. [Disarm Facebook Event](#)

BRISBANE

Vigil 4-6PM – June 19th, Ann Street Shrine of Remembrance, Ann Street, Brisbane City Centre (opposite Central Station)

[Facebook event](#)

PERTH

June 19th 12PM-2PM Forrest Chase : [Facebook Event Page](#)

ADELAIDE

Free Julian Assange!



Support Julian Assange for telling the truth and exposing corruption

**Sunday 17th June
1 pm**

Rundle Mall

(Near Rundle Place, 77-91 Rundle Mall)

19th June is the sixth anniversary of Julian Assange's exile to the Ecuadorian Embassy in London. Since April, Julian has been denied access to the internet, increasing his isolation.

Come and join the movement to free Julian Assange at our postcard launch

- to remind Julian that we continue to support him,
- to request that the Australian Government gives full diplomatic assistance to bring Julian safely home to Australia.

"If we're to produce a more civilised society, a more just society, it has to be based upon the truth."
- Julian Assange

Organised by Anti-Sperminem Inc.

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OTHER CITIES

If you are planning to host or know of any other cities who wish to participate in the June 19th actions for Julian, they are being coordinated through the [Free Julian Assange at U.K and U.S. Embassies Worldwide Facebook page](#) or send a message direct to the Class-conscious website via our [Contact page](#). Like wise if you have additional details of speakers etc about already listed events, please pass that on too.