

Modern Activism

27-30 June 2012, Liverpool

Call for Papers: Criminal Justice, History and Activism

This interdisciplinary conference is a joint initiative between SOLON at Liverpool John Moores, its regular partner, the Centre for Contemporary British History at KCL, and Liverpool University, addressing a range of issues relating broadly to modern activism. The three broad stands are Activism, Rights and Conflict (managed by SOLON); Criminal Justice, History and Activism (managed by Liverpool with ESRC and University of Hull); and Activism – in and from the UK (managed by the CCBH). We welcome papers from academics working in a range of disciplines, and also particularly encourage contributions from practitioners and activists/campaigners in the field.

Criminal Justice, History and Activism

This strand examines the activism of the law in tackling issues relating to the delivery and the guaranteeing of access to justice for individuals and communities. We encourage papers on the use of courts and tribunals, along with the activities of quasi-official legal agencies including law clinics, advice bureaux, individual campaigns seeking better justice for those afflicted by various forms of discrimination, those in prisons etc and we are especially interested in the use of historical data to challenge contemporary criminal justice situations.

We are keen for historical and contemporary research on criminal justice, legal issues and activism relating to:

- campaigning and reforming criminal justice and the penal system
- the death penalty and activism
- policing and controlling activism
- protest, activism and surveillance
- campaigning for better justice in criminal matters or in prison reform
- using historical data to challenge contemporary criminal justice situations
- engaging with activism and campaigning in the media/public sphere as academics/researchers

To submit a proposal, for the Criminal Justice, History, Activism stream of the Modern Activism conference please send 300-500 word individual proposals, or panel proposals of up to three papers to Helen Johnston H.Johnston@hull.ac.uk and David Cox cra28@crim.keele.ac.uk. We welcome also different formats, including round table debate suggestions and workshop sessions.