

Workshop 2 notes

‘Turning the tables on the state’ **Achieving human & social rights in the 21st century**

Saturday, 11 March

From a wide ranging discussion we identified the following suggestions. We need to:

- Change the systems of control and
- Influence the decision making process
- Mobilise public support
- Identify successful methods of gaining the consent of the people.
- Challenge the police’s propensity for making their own rules
- Identify what causes the police to make up their own rules
- We need to focus on grass roots politics and
- Give back power to the people,
- Hold representatives to account for their actions
- Campaign on single issues in defence of rights
- Use education as a solution to the loss of rights
- Discuss the issues in groups
- Develop new rights especially the right to a rich inner life
- Avoid treating people as commodities
- We need to affect the way businesses are run
- Invest time and money in influencing businesses and the media
- Identify what is wrong with the current system and the causes of the faults
- Build national coalitions around the issues – Economic, political, sociological
- Act collectively
- Influence people by persuasion
- Work for a better world - for peace and justice
- Accommodate our political differences
- Remove representatives who fail to achieve objectives or meet standards
- Use the processes of the law against civil and political leaders
- Introduce new laws governing individual rights and the gap between rich and poor and the use of natural resources
- Work to change the decision making process in government
- Instigate a private criminal prosecution of senior members of the government over the Iraq war.
- Listen and learn from each other
- Keep this ball rolling
- Teach people to speak in public
- Co-operate with other groups / organisations –get isolated groups working together
- Set up working parties to progress these issues.