

UNGRIPP

Newsletter Winter 2021-2022

As we begin another year, UNGRIPP want to give an overview of the events in 2021 that concerned the IPP sentence and share what the year ahead may hold.

We would like to thank everyone who has trusted us, supported us and joined us on this campaign that began as UNGRIPP in October 2020. We hope that as a collective the injustice of the IPP sentence can continue to be brought to the forefront of people's minds, and to have pressure added where it is needed, in the hope that change will happen and that those affected by it are never forgotten.

A round up of 2021



ACTION IN 2021

UNGRIPP submitted evidence on behalf of people affected by the IPP to the following inquiries

February 2021

[Independent Commission into the Experiences of Victims and Long-Term Prisoners](#)

June 2021

[Justice Select Committee Inquiry into Mental Health in Prisons](#)

September 2021

[Justice Select Committee Inquiry into the IPP Sentence](#)

This report is due to be released in early Spring 2022. A vast amount of evidence was sent to the Committee by those directly affected by the IPP sentence, alongside evidence from 28 different organisations, including UNGRIPP who submitted evidence on behalf of 31 people affected by the IPP sentence who contacted us. We would like to say a huge thank you to those who submitted evidence as we know this would not have been easy.

December 2021

[Police, Crime and Sentencing Bill](#)

A number of organisations, including UNGRIPP, submitted briefing papers calling for amendments to this Bill which would make changes to the IPP sentence. Several amendments were proposed by peers, and received strong support in the House of Lords. Sadly, they were withdrawn



when the when the Government indicated it would only support one change: an automatic referral to the Parole Board to consider removing a person's licence (effectively: ending their IPP sentence), 10 years after their first release from prison.

EVENTS HOSTED BY UNGRIPP

Q&A sessions with Solicitor Dean Kingham

We hosted two free online sessions for people affected by the IPP sentence to ask Dean Kingham questions. Dean is a solicitor who specialises in the IPP sentence.

Get your voices heard in Parliament

We hosted an event run by the Parliamentary outreach team, who explained how to use parliamentary processes to raise concerns.

Online Inquiry evidence sessions

We hosted two online sessions where people could give oral evidence that fed in to UNGRIPP's submission to the Justice Select Committees IPP inquiry.

CONTACT

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MEDIA WATCH FOR 2021

Inside Time

- [Hundreds of prisoners take part in IPP inquiry](#)
- [IPP is a “disaster”, admits Lord Blunkett](#)
- [Resentence all IPP prisoners, says former Lord Chief Justice](#)
- [Psychiatrist tells MPs: IPP makes prisoners mentally ill](#)
- [‘Give IPP prisoners a release date’](#)
- [Amnesty International calls on UK to free thousands of prisoners held on abolished IPP sentences](#)
- [IPP: Creation, abolition and festering afterlife](#)
- [Trapped in a crumbling system](#)
- [Families share pain without end](#)
- [IPP: A move in the right direction](#)
- [Labour calls for cross-party consensus to end IPP suffering](#)
- [‘IPPs should be resentenced’ - Parole Chief](#)
- [Liberty supports IPP reform](#)
- [IPP prisoners face cycle of release and recall](#)
- [Man on two year IPP sentence dies in jail 14 years later](#)
- [IPP licences lifted](#)
- [IPP prisoner cuts off ear](#)
- [Government changes policy on termination of IPP licences](#)
- [No plans to terminate IPP sentences](#)
- [MPs’ inquiry into IPP sentences welcomed by campaigners](#)
- [“Toxic legacy” of IPP sentences](#)

BBC News

- [Prisoner served 10 years for theft of a mobile phone](#)
- [Imprisonment for public protection jail terms ‘a death sentence’](#)

Radio 4

- [Prison Break: Who is prison for?](#)

Sky News

- [Indefinite prison sentences: Campaigners call for existing licence to be ended](#)

The Canary

- [Thousands still languish in UK prisons with no release date](#)

The Justice Gap

- [IPP prisoners should be resentenced immediately, says ex Lord Chief Justice](#)
- [Episode 4: The Greatest stain on our justice system](#)

OTHER UPDATES

- A new campaign group was launched in January 2022 called ‘IPP in Action’, which takes a direct action approach to campaigning for change to the IPP sentence. They have organised their first event on the 27th of April. They have planned a march from Downing Street to the Houses of Parliament from 11am.
- The Justice Select Committee will publish the IPP Inquiry in early Spring, updates to follow once it is published.
- UNGRIPP will develop their strategy for the coming year based on the outcome of the inquiry. It will continue to focus on our four pillars of activity, shaped by those affected by the IPP sentence.
- Please get in touch if you would like to share how the IPP has impacted you, we post these stories on our sister site [@forgotten_ipp](#)

We would like to finish by highlighting that none of the actions of 2021 would have been possible without those directly affected taking action. We want to keep up the momentum, and hope that people will continue to be involved. We hope to share more ways for you to get involved in our next newsletter.