



Maeve O'Rourke

JFMR future planning - to do list

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Hi folks,

1. Moving away from campaigning towards educating, empowering and enabling

The general consensus on Saturday was that we should pull back completely from campaigning. I know this is what we technically did in 2013, but of course we couldn't help having to get involved again because of the shambles that is the scheme. To paraphrase our discussion: we are bloody good at campaigning, but it takes way too much out of us, mostly because we do the thing right, which of course involves massive amounts of time and effort. It also means that we have less time for not only on our own individual work but also for other JFMR work that would benefit everyone.

We're proposing that we instead focus our energies on those things that would benefit and empower others to take up the issue, such as the OHP, the Transitional Justice book, the Names Project, informing the UN about ongoing issues, a working papers series, continuing our FOIs and uploading them on to the website, etc etc. So, while we're not campaigning, by putting all of these things up on the website, we're still keeping survivors/families/researchers/public informed of any new issues, and (see below under Website) we are showing them how they can do something about it.

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2. Moving away from 'services' towards educating, empowering and enabling

While we've never put ourselves in the role of service providers, we have of course ended up doing things that closely resemble service provision.

Of course we have women like [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] etc (our grandmothers), who we are not going to abandon. Thankfully most of the women have someone other than us - [REDACTED] is there to support [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is amazing with [REDACTED], who is not well and headed towards (hopefully) sheltered housing or (hopefully not) a nursing home - she is barely recognisable as the same woman we first met. [REDACTED] has her family around her and [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

3. Website

Maeve's mum very kindly worked with us on our website messaging,

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I think that's about it for now - Maeve and Katherine let me know if I left anything out or got anything wrong and Jim and Mari, obviously feel free to chip in with your own thoughts/questions.

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Claire

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