

BRADLEY MANNING SUPPORT EVENTS (WALES)

following **NTW18 The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning** around Wales, providing up to date information on Bradley's case as it proceeds in the USA in real life, exhibition sites, and a programme of events, to join the dots between NTW's 'political fantasy' and the issues on the ground

11th to 29th April 2012



join in with a series of events in **Pembrokeshire, Cardiff and N.E Wales** in pursuit of an urgent conversation about **justice**, about **peace**, about **truth**, about **our future**, and about why we need to **pay attention** to the case of **BRADLEY MANNING...**

...the 24 year old soldier **who was a school boy in Wales less than a decade ago, now on trial in the USA. Accused of revealing dark secrets via the whistleblowing site, WikiLeaks - evidence of war crimes, widespread human rights abuses, and a culture of horrific brutality within the armed forces in Afghanistan and Iraq - Bradley has already been in prison for nearly 2 years.**

“... I feel, for some bizarre reason... it might actually change something... if its out in the open it should be a public good... we're human.... and we're killing ourselves....and no-one seems to see that...and it bothers me.....i care... and god knows what happens now...hopefully worldwide discussion debates, and reforms...”

These words, indicating action motivated by conscience, are attributed to Bradley, and we want people to hear in them **a call to action, a call to an urgent conversation.**

THE RADICALISATION OF BRADLEY MANNING by Tim Price, is **NATIONAL THEATRE WALES'** new production. Billed as the **world's first hyperconnected theatre production**, some performances will be **LIVE STREAMED** on an interactive website giving it the **potential to go GLOBAL**, but it opens with a very **LOCAL** focus in Tasker Milward School, Haverfordwest, which Bradley actually attended less than a decade ago, reflecting both NTW's 'site specific' focus, and their reach into the digital age. 'Haverfordwest and beyond' say NTW, and the play will go on to be performed in **CARDIFF** and **NE WALES**.

and BRADLEY MANNING SUPPORT EVENTS (WALES) will be on the ground in each location with information points, an exhibition and various additional events

There will be an opportunity to discuss the truth of 'WAR IN THE 21st CENTURY' with an expert witness - **ex SAS (Iraq and Afghanistan) veteran, BEN GRIFFIN** (Veterans for Peace UK), and to find out more about being a **prisoner of conscience in the USA** from 'ploughshares' peace activist **CIARON O'REILLY**, at the **PICTON CENTRE, Haverfordwest, on FRI 13th APRIL** from 1.30, where there will also be an interactive exhibition relating to Bradley's case.

The play moves to **CARDIFF** for the following week, and the whole exhibition, with the addition of **Guy Smallman's stunning photo journalism exhibition – 'Afghanistan Ten Years On'**, will then move to the **EXHIBITION SPACE at CARDIFF CENTRAL LIBRARY** from **16th – 24th APRIL**. Guy has now been to Afghanistan many times, visiting places and people **no other western journalist has engaged with** and these photos **document the everyday realities faced by ordinary Afghan civilians, as well as the direct effects of war.**

On **MON 16th APRIL 6pm** there's an evening with **CRAIG MURRAY, the famous whistleblowing ambassador** (Uzbekistan -2004), human rights activist, author (Murder in Samarkand), broadcaster, and **Bradley Manning supporter**. **WHY DO WE NEED WHISTLEBLOWERS IN A DEMOCRACY?**, a subject Craig is well equipped to deliver the goods on, will undoubtedly be a challenging, highly illuminating and riveting talk from a **true whistleblowing and human rights expert** - **CARDIFF UNIVERSITY MAIN BUILDING, Park Place**. Hosted by **WCIA**.

SUN 22nd APRIL 7.30 is **STAND UP, STAND UP FOR BRADLEY MANNING!**, a **comedy and music gig** evening at **THE YARD, (Yard Bar and Kitchen)**, 42 St Mary's St, Riverside, with **STEVE PARRY** 'belligerent Welsh comedy no gooder', and Bradley Manning supporter, who told us:

'Bradley is part of the great Welsh radical tradition'

Also featuring other **top Welsh comedians, Dan Mitchell** and **Frank Honeybone**, in this support evening for the campaign we'll prove that laughing together can be critical to the serious stuff. The evening will be sealed with music from **JACK OMER (alternative country and political folk)** whose astute lyrics interpret the nuances of the times in an acoustic set with a voice that is a joy to listen to. And he's even written a **SONG FOR BRADLEY MANNING**.

Also at **CARDIFF UNIVERSITY MAIN BUILDING** (next to the Temple of Peace on King Edward V11 Ave), on **TUES 24th APRIL, 7pm**, there will be a 'sneak preview viewing' **by special permission of the director, JIM SPIONE, of INCIDENT IN NEW BAGHDAD** which has **so far not been available in the UK**. This is the **2012 Oscar nominated documentary** based on the **infamous 'Collateral Murder' footage that Bradley is accused of 'leaking'**.

A group of civilians, including two Reuters journalists, whilst conversing perfectly normally in the street, are targeted and killed in an unprovoked attack from an Apache helicopter, which also seriously wounded two young children. Ethan McCord, a soldier whose life was changed by arriving on the scene within a short time of the attack, is featured in the film.

Supported by **UNA Cardiff, CND Cymru** and with **Cor Cochion Caerdydd** opening the meeting, which will finish with a **discussion**.

The play then opens in **CONNAH'S QUAY** on **WEDS 25th APRIL** and we will join it in **NE WALES** for two further evening events - a **MEETING FOR AND ABOUT WHISTLEBLOWERS** on **FRI 27th APRIL 7pm** in **DENBIGH** and another **GIG FOR BRADLEY!** on **SUN 29th APRIL 7pm** at **SEREN SAITH, WREXHAM**.

For up to date information on where we are and events, dates, times, and venues people should check www.wiseupforbradleymanning.wordpress.com regularly, or (between 12th and 30th APRIL only) call **07806 875983**. **EVENTS** will also be advertised locally.

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