

## **JPTi and Liberation Scotland's decolonisation petition to the UN marks a new dawn for the campaign for Scottish Independence**

Liberation Scotland's 20,000 members are deeply embedded in Scotland's grassroots independence movement and are mostly long-serving members of that movement. Popular support for Scottish independence has remained high since the 2014 Independence Referendum, with the most recent voter opinion poll recording this at 54%. However faced with the continued unilateral blocking by Westminster of all democratic attempts by the people of Scotland for recognition of their rights of self-determination, the mood in the movement in recent months has been pessimistic, with many Scots losing hope that our country would restore its independence within their lifetimes.

But now something has changed. There is an air of optimism within the movement arising from the realisation of the full implications of JPTi's submission of Advance Notice of Petition to the UN on 7 March; and also from the public announcement on 17 May by Professor Black KC, senior legal counsel, that Scotland did not in fact enter into a voluntary partnership called Great Britain in 1707, but was instead forcibly annexed by England, under the pretext of political union.

And although this has not been much reported in mainstream media in Scotland, these two recent milestone events have been keenly observed by social and political commentators and begun to galvanize the movement and influence the domestic debate on Scotland's history, its current political and constitutional position and its future options to exercise its right of self-determination.

***"The most significant event in Scottish history for over 300 years"***  
– read a recent headline in the 'National' newspaper referring to Prof. Black's announcement in May. After suffering from three centuries of colonial fraud and exploitation perpetuated by Westminster, this is the game-changing news that Scots have long been waiting for!

Despite the main pro-independence party, the Scottish National Party (SNP) running the devolved Scottish Administration at Holyrood in Edinburgh since 2007, and receiving multiple independence mandates from voters in successive Scottish elections, it has failed to progress the independence cause. The SNP remains wedded to the idea that independence can only be achieved by securing consent from Westminster to hold a referendum on independence – a request that has been continuously denied for the last 10 years and in 2022 finally blocked by the Supreme Court in London. As a result, recent polling has shown a clear divergence between support for the SNP (circa 30%) – as the party declines as credible force for independence – while support for independence itself continues to strengthen (circa 50%+).

The majority of the general public in Scotland remains largely unaware of these recent developments, due to very limited coverage by the mainstream media in Scotland, almost all of which is owned and controlled externally. However, Liberation Scotland, through its domestic grassroots campaign arm Salvo is working hard to get these messages out into the Scottish political and civic arena, through social media and public meetings.

In addition, Liberation Scotland is seeking to influence the political debate ahead of the 2026 elections to the Edinburgh Parliament by engaging with independence supporting organisations and political parties and offering Affiliation status to those who unambiguously support our stated objectives.

Liberation Scotland's mission is to challenge Westminster's pretence that *'Scotland is a nation and entered into union with England as a voluntary partner and not as dependency'* and present the evidence for Scotland's true status as an annexed colony of England, to the UN and to have Scotland added to the UN's list of Non-Self-Governing-Territories for commencement of the decolonization process. This is now the only remaining avenue which can lead to justice and self-determination for the Scottish people and to the restoration of the sovereign and human rights of the people of Scotland under international law.

All attempts by the people of Scotland to obtain redress, at a UK domestic level, for the denial of the rights of self-determination, have failed. The conclusion that we are entitled to draw is that the UK is not a voluntary union of different nations as has been represented to the world, but that Scotland is held in the UK union not by consent but by force of UK/English law and against the wishes of the Scottish people. Scotland will continue to be held without consent unless its true condition is recognised by the international community.

Liberation Scotland offers ordinary Scots a beacon of hope; as one noted: ***"It is a matter of life and death for the ancient nation of Scotland. Our wealth is being asset stripped by the so-called United Kingdom. We are under represented at Westminster, and Holyrood is powerless to resist their policies. There is no democracy in Scotland, and unless we achieve independence we will have no hope."***