

LIBERATION SCOTLAND UN Report October 2026

This autumn, senior representatives from Liberation Scotland attended, participated in and hosted events and meetings in both Geneva and New York City to engage with UN delegates, ambassadors, NGOs, partners, advisers, international legal specialists and civil society leaders, to promote Scotland's case for international recognition as a Non-Self-Governing Territory and seek support for full recovery of her lost sovereignty and statehood.

Brief summary details of LS engagements and events in Geneva (Sept. 16-22) and New York (Oct. 5-12) are appended below. Key highlights of this and our earlier UN engagement work include:

- our extensive and expanding network of international partners, advisers and supporters within the UN and international community, emerging from our international engagement over the last 18 months; this includes UN delegates, ambassadors, representatives from key NGOs, legal and constitutional specialists, human rights defenders and others, from across the globe (including representatives of the nations of the Global South and Non-Alignment Movement) all of whom immediately understand Scotland's colonised situation, once the facts are presented.
- the unique circumstances of Scotland's position as an independent nation for 850 years prior to its forced annexation in the guise of a fake treaty and the importance of Scotland's right to restoration and recovery; far from an exercise in domestic 'separatism' or 'secession', Scotland's case represents the legitimate international resumption of an annexed sovereign state, exposing the English state itself as the sole violator of Scottish territorial integrity and constitutional sovereignty under international law.
- the highlighting of the failure by relevant UN bodies and others to fully apply international law to rectify colonial situations and restore sovereignty and the need to establish closer connections between Geneva and New York (the Human Rights Council and the UN Fourth Committee) so that human rights law including self-determination, can be implemented.

Scotland now has an international voice and our international diplomatic campaign work continues. Amongst other things, work is starting on a multi-sponsor resolution (based on proposals from the EPLO event) and we are planning a high-profile event in New York in early 2027 along with our partners.

For generations, English colonial propaganda has manufactured the myth that Scotland is dealing with a polite, internal domestic disagreement. We are exposing the reality that Scotland is an annexed, occupied nation enduring systematic economic extraction, standing on firm international law to demand the sovereign resumption of its statehood. The positive reaction from international diplomats from the Global South and Non-Aligned Movement validates our case not as sub-state "separatism", but as a legitimate anti-colonial restoration that mirrors their own historic triumphs.

The era of begging for permission within domestic colonial traps is over. Our cause has officially entered the arena of realpolitik and international law. We have forged unmediated diplomatic relationships, aligned directly with the global anti-colonial vanguard, and proved that Scotland's liberation is a matter of international justice. And the world is listening.

Liberation Scotland Committee 23 October 2026.

Geneva Report 2026 (16-22 September)

Wednesday 16 September

Event at Le Club Suisse de la Presse (Geneva Press Club), sponsored by the Egyptian NGO, Ma'at for Peace, 'Behind the Rhetoric of Human Rights. The realities of colonial occupation and the remedies prescribed by international law were briefly described by delegates from Hawai'i, Alaska, France and Scotland.

Moderated by Sara Salyers of Liberation Scotland, the panel comprised:

Dr. Christophe Dorigné-Thomson, Universitas Indonesia: Asia-Africa and Indonesian foreign policy and politics, author, Indonesia's Engagement with Africa.'

Alan McMahon of the Liberation Scotland Committee, presenting on behalf of Professor Alf Baird

Ronald Barnes, Ronald F. Barnes, UN Ambassador and diplomatic representative for the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska

Ruth Bolomet, Representative for the Royal Heirs of King Kamehameha III; Working for Hawaiian Nationals denied Equality, Protections, Right to Self Determination and Right to Development. Independent Nation of Hawaii (video and presentation)



Alan McMahon presents Professor Alf Baird's paper on territorial alienation.

Friday 18 September

Douglas Chapman, former Treasurer of the Scottish National Party (SNP), former Member of Parliament (MP) in Westminster and member of the Defence Committee, joined us for an off-the-record meeting with a senior international lawyer and scholar to discuss next steps. This was our second meeting, arranged by a supporting state. The meeting stressed the importance of Scotland's right to restoration and recovery, not separation or 'secession'. Scotland has never ceded its sovereignty. It cannot 'secede' from an unfulfilled union or separate itself from a lawful and unitary state when that state is simply England which has continued without alteration.

These unique circumstances mean that states who might wish to support us but could be hesitant because they fear separatist movements in their own countries, do not risk setting a precedent in these territories. Preparation of briefings, legal publication and high level events to follow.

Saturday 19 September

Meeting with coordinator of a partner NGO to discuss counter arguments and possible obstruction by states opposed to Scottish independence and identify the list of states and organisations appropriate for one to one meetings). Arranged for a representative to obtain a pass to attend GA during the C4 sessions in New York to further this.

Tuesday 22 September

Strengthening international law through greater cooperation between the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly Fourth Committee (Can we repair the 'disconnect' between Geneva and New York?)

This event at the Geneva Press Club was sponsored by the European Public Law Organisation (EPLO), an intergovernmental organisation focussed on the study and promotion of European public law, human rights law and environmental law <https://eplo.int>. It was moderated by George Papadatos (retired), permanent representative of the EPLO at the Human Rights

Representatives of the LSC contributed two of the three presentations. The panel focussed on the need for processes which connect UN Human Rights bodies and procedures with the UN political bodies and provisions to enable the practical implementation of human rights law, especially that of self-determination. We explicitly included the rights of Scotland:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/NYP1-KHImCs>

On the basis of the proposals delivered at the event we will be working on a multi sponsor resolution.



A final event at the Maison Internationale des Associations focused on the failure of UN and other bodies to implement international law in cases of clear violation of the rights of self-determination.

Delegates:

Ambassador Ronald F. Barnes, Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition
Elgahlia Djimi, Rights Defender, Western Sahara. Western Sahar is inscribed at the UN as a Non Self Governing Territory.
Leon Siu, Foreign Minister, Kingdom of Hawai'i
Sara Salyers, Representative, Liberation Scotland

Sponsored by

The Indian Council of South America (CISA), NGO with ECOSOC status

Co-Sponsors

Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition (IPNC)
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We continue to expand the basis for international cooperation, recognition of Scotland's right to self-determination - independent of UK domestic law – and international awareness of the true constitutional identities of Scotland and England within 'the UK'.

New York Report (5-12 October)

From Chris Dorigine Thomson

We spent a week in New York, (5th – 12th October) taking Scotland's national struggle to the heart of world diplomacy, meeting directly with United Nations delegations, diplomats, ambassadors, colonised peoples from Non-Self-Governing Territories, and prominent US civil society leaders.

Despite administrative barriers and deliberate institutional gatekeeping designed to silence our presence, we shattered centuries of colonial deception in rooms where global power resides. And we can tell you that people are considering Scotland's colonial situation under English colonial rule very seriously; and considering Liberation Scotland very seriously.

Interlocutors across the international diplomatic corps, especially from the Global South (notably Africa and the Caribbean) but also from UN Security Council Permanent members and American civic spaces are very accepting of the truth. We are not forcing anything. We present facts and let people make their own opinion. There is zero rejection; people in high level places understand very clearly Scotland's situation once the facts are presented.

For generations, English colonial propaganda has manufactured the myth that Scotland is dealing with a polite, internal domestic disagreement. We exposed the unvarnished reality that Scotland is an annexed, occupied nation enduring systematic economic extraction. We stand on firm international law to demand the sovereign resumption of its statehood. The positive reaction from Global South and Non-Aligned Movement diplomats validates our case not as sub-state "separatism", but as a legitimate anti-colonial restoration.

We also discussed the question of slavery and reparations with some of the key architects of the UN resolution recently passed, who are legitimately seeking reparations from the English colonial state. They understand that Scotland was and is annexed and colonised itself. And that Scots themselves were exploited, deported, genocided etc. Scotland had no sovereignty and so cannot be blamed. However, given a very small minority of Scots (just like many other colonised people) were involved, a decolonised Scotland will need to address the proceeds from the English system of slavery and

colonialism, create close links with countries victims of slavery and support them fully. But since Scotland's wealth is completely plundered by the English colonial state, Scotland benefited from nothing. Colonial collaborators in a fully English empire did. Scotland was one of the first English colonies and remains as England's colony.

Far from an exercise in domestic separatism, Scotland's cause represents the legitimate international resumption of an annexed sovereign state, exposing the English state itself as the sole violator of Scottish territorial integrity and constitutional sovereignty under international law.

Certain American cultural figures, discovering how our energy and democracy are stripped away under London's colonial grip, pledged solidarity with an anti-colonial struggle they had never been allowed to see; comparing this to Vietnam notably. Americans too have been fully gaslighted about Scotland by this propaganda and lies.

The era of begging for permission within domestic colonial traps is over. Our cause has officially entered the arena of realpolitik and international law. We have forged unmediated diplomatic relationships, aligned directly with the global anti-colonial vanguard, and proved that Scotland's liberation is a matter of international justice. The world is finally listening. The truth cannot be contained and must be told to everyone. Our march towards sovereign recovery is unstoppable.