

7 THINGS YOU CAN DO

There are plenty of ways to make a difference:

(Don't try to do everything! Best to do a couple of things well).

- 1. Bring Rendition Monologues to your town/school/church/festival/workplace/conference/pub (!)**

Rendition Monologues draws much of its power from its simple and direct staging. It is easy to produce and **can be performed anywhere around the UK at any time**. If you would like to host a reading of *Rendition Monologues*, simply go to the booking page on our website to find out what is involved in doing this www.iceandfire.co.uk/afhr/booking.html or contact **Christine Bacon**, AFHR Director at actors@iceandfire.co.uk or **Clea Langton** Regional Coordinator (based in Sheffield) actorsnorth@iceandfire.co.uk

- 2. Donate to Actors for Human Rights**



If you don't have the time to organise a performance, you can always support our work with a donation. We have no core funding and rely on one-off contributions from people who believe our work can make a difference. Please visit our Just Giving site to donate whatever amount you feel you can offer www.justgiving.com/iceandfire

The great thing about this site is that your donation will automatically entitle us to 28% in Gift Aid from Inland Revenue as we are a registered charity. £50 suddenly becomes £64!

£20 will pay for the travel costs of one cast member
£50 will pay for travel costs of two cast members
£100 will pay for travel costs for the whole cast
£150 will pay for printing and distribution costs of publicity material for a small-scale production
£250 will pay for most of the related production costs for one performance

- 3. If you are an actor or musician - join Actors for Human Rights**

We are always looking for volunteer performers for our growing national network. There are plenty of ways to contribute, from a single performance to producing a show. If you would like to get involved, just send Christine or Clea (details above) an email with your CV attached. Directors, producers, filmmakers, photographers and other 'arty' types also welcome! www.iceandfire.co.uk/afhr

- 4. Spread the word!**

Talk to friends, family and colleagues about issues raised in *Rendition Monologues* and try to answer any questions or concerns they may have. You'll be surprised at how many people do not know what extraordinary rendition is!

As well as giving them the facts, encourage them to use their "empathic imagination"... what would YOU do if this happened to you or your family? How would YOU feel if you were treated this way?

Challenge any myths or rumours you hear about the issues raised by *Rendition Monologues* at work, in social situations, in the shops, on the streets or in the pub.

- 5. Network, join campaigns and support people who are detained in the name of 'The War on Terror'**

REPRIEVE

Reprieve is a legal charity which offers pro bono representation to prisoners in Guantanamo Bay and also works extensively on rendition issues. *Rendition Monologues* contains the stories of some of their clients. Join their campaigns, go to their events, join their Facebook group, or donate to them! www.reprieve.org.uk

Cage Prisoners have a great website with all sorts of news and information and is regularly updated. Its aim is to raise awareness of the plight of the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay and other detainees held as part of the War on Terror. www.cageprisoners.com

Say No to Illegal detentions with **Amnesty International**.



Amnesty International is campaigning to challenge counter-terrorism measures that erode respect for human rights. Sign up to the campaign here: www.amnesty.org/en/counter-terror-with-justice

NATIONAL GUANTANAMO COALITION

This UK group organises actions and direct lobbying of the British government on issues related to Guantanamo Bay and secret prisons around the world. Groups are based in Birmingham, Sheffield, Brighton, Manchester and London

www.quantanamo.org.uk

6. Put pen to paper!

Write a letter to **Prime Minister Gordon Brown**: 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AG and/or

David Milliband (Foreign Secretary):

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AA

Write to your MP: information can be found at www.theyworkforyou.com

In the letter you should:

- Demand that the government set up a full, independent public inquiry into the role of British security and intelligence agents in the US practice of rendering terror suspects to foreign prisons to be secretly and inhumanely interrogated.
- Demand a full inquiry into the use of British territories by the US for extraordinary rendition
- Demand an end to British involvement in extraordinary rendition and firm assurances, backed by evidence, that the UK is no longer involved in any way

Write to the **US Ambassador: His Excellency Mr. Robert Tuttle**, Embassy of the United States, 24 Grosvenor Square, London, W1A 1AE and demand an end to military tribunals and the closure of Guantanamo Bay and other secret jails

7. Sign an online petition

Avaaz.org are trying to get 100,000 people to sign their online petition urging the US Senate to establish an independent commission into Bush's War on Terror -- an open investigation into torture, detention, wiretapping and illegal transfers to secret prisons across the globe. Sign up and show your support

www.avaaz.org/en/end_the_war_on_terror/

Thank you for taking the time to read this. It is not an exhaustive document and there are many more ways to get involved. Here are some more websites and books that you might want to check out if you have a few hours to spare. Stay informed and stay informed and inspired! If you don't do anything – who will?

Check out these books and websites:

Clive Stafford Smith (2007) *Bad Men: Guantanamo Bay and the Secret Prisons*

Stephen Grey (2006) *Ghost Plane*

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American Civil Liberties Union www.aclu.org

Human Rights watch www.hrw.org