



PRESS RELEASE

The Justice for England march, May 1st 2007.

The march will start at 11.00am from Whitehall Place.

JUSTICE for ENGLAND

— if we don't demand JUSTICE for ENGLAND, who will?

Mark the date well, we want people to march for English rights. May 1st, 2007 will see a march for England in the heart of London, England's capital city. We will be demanding justice, fairness and equality for the citizens of England. May 1st is the 300th anniversary of the Union and we intend to use this momentous date to pressure the government into changing its vindictive attitude towards our country. So we're asking people to support the cause, to come to London on May 1st and march for England.

Justice.

Over the past 10 years, the people of England have had an increasingly raw deal. Insidious and vicious spending cuts have meant England languishes far behind all the other Home countries in the public spending-per-head league. As far as the Union is concerned, the average English person is the poor relation — and this in spite of the fact that English taxes (through the Barnett formula) pays for all the excessive public spending in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Fairness. Is it fair that a pensioner in Scotland gets free nursing home care, whilst their counterpart in England has to sell their house to finance such a move? Is it fair that English students have to pay over £3,000 in University top-up fees when their Scottish counterparts pay nothing? Is it fair that a child in England is allocated a budget of barely 50p per school meal — and in Scotland it is over 80p? We think these and many other examples are grossly unfair. Financial discrimination against the English has to stop — and for that matter, so does democratic discrimination. For example, we think it's outrageous that Scottish MPs can vote on legislation for English only issues but their English counterparts are excluded from doing so on Scottish only legislation? These and many other anti-English practises must end, it's time for the people of England to cry "Enough!" It's time for us to actually do something about it.

Equality. We demand equal democratic rights with other citizens of the UK. Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland all have devolved governments — but not England. We are currently the only country in the whole of Europe without any sort of democratic national representation. We are the originator of the parliamentary system yet we are denied any basic national democratic rights - and that is totally unacceptable. We also demand cultural equality as laid down by the United Nations Charter. Whilst Scottish, Welsh and Irish cultures are promoted and celebrated, English identity and culture are buried under an amorphous British, New Labour-approved model. British culture is not English culture! English culture is unique, rich and varied — it is revered throughout the world and needs to be celebrated and reclaimed by the people of England.

The March is non-political and open to all who believe in fairness, equality and justice for England.

Note to Editors, Background information available on www.justiceforengland.com The route, times, speakers and anatomy of the march will be posted on the web site in due course. If you would like to speak to any member of the Justice for England march organising committee, please email your request to mail@justiceforengland.com or phone us on 0845 0514222.