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- # Advocating against civil orders that criminalize people who are marginalized

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Anti-social behaviour orders or ASBOs – a history



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Labour is the party of law and order
in Britain today. Tough on crime,
tough on the causes of crime.

— Tony Blair —

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ASBOs the beginnings



CRIMINAL
JUSTICE AND
POLICE ACT 2001
(UK)



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A photograph of three homeless individuals sleeping on a city street. They are lying on cardboard boxes against a wall made of large stone tiles. The person on the left is covered in a green tarp. The person in the middle is covered in a white sheet, with a dark jacket and some items visible. The person on the right is covered in a blue tarp. A small piece of paper is taped to the wall above the person in the middle. The ground is paved with dark stones.

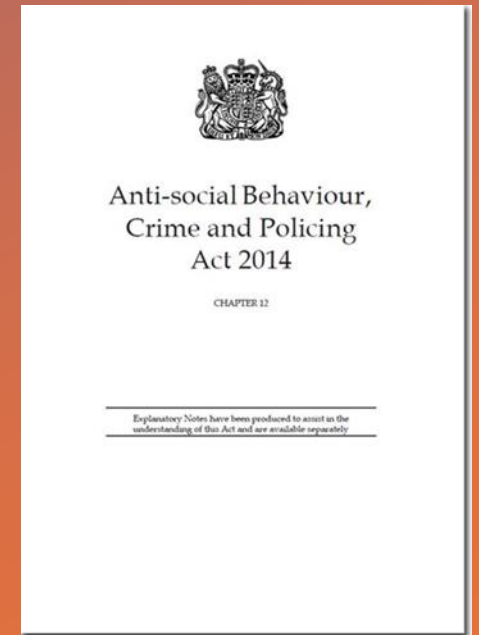
Whose Human Rights?

By 2010
there were
19 different
types of
ASBOs

- Asbo on conviction
- ASBO
- Interim ASBO
- ASB Injunction
- Individual Support Order
- Intervention Order
- Crack House Closure Order
- Premises Closure Order
- Brothel Closure Order
- Designated Public Place Order
- Special Interim Management Order
- Gating Order
- Dog Control Order
- Litter Clearing Notice
- Noise Abatement Notice
- Graffiti/ Defacement Removal Notice
- Direction to Leave
- Dispersal Order

An ASBO by any other name – civil orders

- Injunction
- Criminal Behaviour Order (now repealed)
- Dispersal instruction
- Community Protection Orders
- **Closure of Premises Order**
- **Public Spaces Protection Order**



PSPOs

Public Spaces Protection Order –

Local authority (municipality) can make a PSPO on following conditions:

- 1) Activities occurring in LA area are having “a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
“it is likely that activities will....have such an effect.

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AND

- 2) “effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be,
 - a) of a persistent or continuing nature,
 - b) such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
 - c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

DURATION – NO MORE THAN 3 YEARS, CAN BE EXTENDED FOR 3 YEARS

**BREACH = FIXED PENALTY NOTICE (ON THE STREET FINE) £100 TO BE PAID IN 14 DAYS,
NON-PAYMENT RESULTS IN PROSECUTION AND A FINE OF £1000 & CRIMINAL
CONVITICION**

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“Any person who, without reasonable excuse, occupies any vehicle, caravan, tent or other structure on public land owned or managed by the London Borough of Lewisham, without prior authorisation from the London Borough of Lewisham, commits an offence.”

Targets



“Any person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to surrender any such substance in their possession...may be issued a Penalty Notices for Disorder or arrested, either under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 or issued an Fixed Penalty Notice for failure to comply with a PSPO (local authority FPN).”

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Local advocacy tools & political engagement



Mapping



Engagement



Arguments



Solutions



Solutions

Drug Consumption Rooms



Cannabis Cafes AKA Drug consumption rooms



High Tolerance Housing



Wider strategy –
decriminalization
people who use drugs
fundamental, but we°
also must recognise
the tentacles of
prohibition go beyond
the criminal law.





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