

# Day 1 of the "new world"



This week is going to be particularly difficult for members as the new organisations become a reality. We need your stories of how the CRCs and NPS are working, or not as seems to be the case. Please send in details to [campaigns@napo.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@napo.org.uk) so we can feed information to parliamentarians and the press.

Members up and down the country marked the occasion on Monday at 12 noon with a minutes silence and holding up cards saying "I'm standing up for Probation".



We got plenty of coverage from Friday right over the weekend regarding the closures of the Trusts. Thank you to all the members that covered local press and radio interviews. Ian Lawrence, General Secretary, was interviewed for Radio 5 on Saturday evening. Tania Bassett, National Official, was handed a gift when she was interviewed alongside the Director of Kaleidoscope by BBC Wales on Saturday morning.

Only too often has the BBC ended up with two guests sharing the same view, only this time it was in our favour. It was great to hear someone from the third sector echoing the same concerns as Napo about TR and how dangerous it is.

Shadow Justice Secretary Sadiq Khan wrote a great article for Friday's Guardian. Whilst he doesn't say he will tear up the contracts if they are awarded he does at least say Labour will do all they can to terminate them if they get into power next year.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/may/30/probation-service-privatisation-plans-chris-grayling>

We've come a long way with the Labour Front Bench in the last 12 months and Napo members should be really proud of the work you have done to help shift the party's policies. Tania Bassett, National Official, will be meeting with the Front Bench regularly over the coming weeks to make sure they are up to date on how things really are on the ground.



## Letter to Chiefs

Well done to all the Branches that got their letters in the post to Chiefs and the MoJ Permanent Secretary Ursula Brennan. We have had a mixed response from Chiefs and it seems we may have hit a nerve. We have also had a number of MPs responding to the letters as well which is great news. Hopefully a number of them will support a Back Bench Debate that we hope will take place next month. Napo will keep you posted on the proposed motion, which Members are supporting it and whether or not your MP is prepared to join in.

## Stronger Union = Stronger Fight

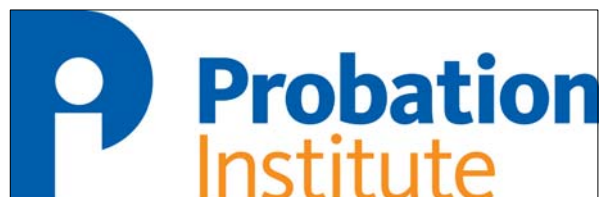
Over the last year Probation Service has taken a significant hit in terms of staff turnover. Some areas are recruiting again so now is the time to get new members. Napo is the only union that has taken strike action to fight TR, we are the largest Probation union and the only professional association which means we are fighting for terms and conditions and professional values. In this changing landscape it is critical that we defend the values of the service and ensure that good practice is at the heart of what we do.

If you know someone who is not a member make sure they have a copy of the Campaign Bulletin, ensure all notice boards have up to date information on them and that membership packs are accessible or staff can go to [www.napo.org.uk](http://www.napo.org.uk) and request a membership pack.

**Social media is a useful campaigning tool as it enables instant updates, creates new contacts and enables discussion. For your instant updates follow us on Twitter at: @napo\_news - @taniabasset**

## Events coming up ...

**The Women Chainmakers Festival  
7<sup>th</sup> June (11am – 5pm)  
Bearnmore Park, Cradley Heath)**



Probation Institute has two summer professional conferences planned. The first is on the 13<sup>th</sup> June in London with a second on 20<sup>th</sup> June in York. For more details and to register for the conferences please visit their website - <http://probation-institute.org>

**Peoples Assembly Anti Austerity Demo  
21<sup>st</sup> June (1pm)  
BBC HQ, Portland Place, London)**

