

The Ongoing G20 Arrestee Support Network (OGASN)

has no official membership but is an informal collective providing an organizational node for people who want to help out the arrestees.

OGASN aims to make sure that the people who have been targeted by the police and media are not left out in the cold.

It will do this by, amongst other things:

- Fundraising to meet the legal and other costs that the G20 arrestees face
- Building a public defence campaign by:
 - keeping track of what happens in the courts and publicising this so as to keep the issue alive and maintain the ability to effectively mobilise support when necessary
 - making analysis of the state repression available and accessible
- Providing and/or co-ordinating other non-financial support for arrestees as requested, such as court solidarity
- Continuing to publicise why people would want to protest against the G20 meeting

The ongoing support extends to other activists involved in other campaigns and the network will facilitate skill sharing as part of this support.

Our ability to achieve these aims bears a direct relationship to the amount of time and energy that people have to give to OGASN! So come to a meeting and put your name down to do a task!

You are welcome to attend an OGASN meeting if you agree with the basic principle that while OGASN does not look to the actions at the G20 as a perfect model of counter summit protest, our role is to defend the actions taken by protesters as legitimate and necessary acts of political protest. Decision making is by consensus at fortnightly meetings; implementation of decisions is delayed by one week to allow for objections from people unable to attend meetings in person, such as arrestees, especially those from Sydney. Where consensus cannot be achieved, stalemate may be overcome by an *ad hoc* vote, the motion being carried by a majority of 75% or greater. Where possible, agenda items are posted to the e-list by the Wednesday preceding Friday meetings.

Use this website to stay in touch with what is happening to the arrestees and what OGASN has organised and to find out when the next fundraiser or political event is being held so you can demonstrate your solidarity with the arrestees, defend political protest and fight back against excessive policing of protest movements.