

DETENTIONS

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Cape Town

Michael Evans
Helene Thornton

Port Elizabeth

Mike Lowe
Sandy Stewart
Philip Wilkinson
Dominic Souchon ()
Tim Hofman (Released)
George Wolfardt (Released)
D J Grant (Released)
Anneline Bester (Released)
Jamie Whitehouse (Released)
Barry Eason (Released)

Grahamstown

Collum Allen
Anne Burroughs
Melissa de Villiers
Karen Thorne
Nic Vergunst (Released) (Redetained) (Released)
Brigitte Hilton-Barber
Pietermaritzburg

Jac Boulle (Released)
Johnny Kaplan (Released)
Hilary Reynolds (Released)
Philip la Hausse (Released)

Durban

Jeremy Routledge (Released)
Marie Ocdendal (Released)
Sarah Hills (Released) (Redetained) (Released)
Howard Varnay (Released)

Johannesburg

Joy Harnden (Released)
Jeannette Schmit (Released)
Anne McKay (Released)
Sandy Smit (Released)

Pretoria

Annika van Gylswyk

Janet Cherry

Janet Cherry was detained at 5.30 am on August 22 in Cape Town. Janet, who is the chairperson of the End Conscription Campaign branch in Port Elizabeth had been living in Cape Town for the previous month as it had been unsafe for her to continue staying in Port Elizabeth due to an intensive security police search for her. Soon after being detained, Janet was moved to Port Elizabeth by the security police.

Janet is employed as the coordinator of the Adult Learning Project (ALP) in Port Elizabeth. Through this work of teaching basic literacy skills she is in close contact with many black workers who are members of Port Elizabeth trade unions. She is also a member of the Black Sash and worked in their Port Elizabeth crisis centre. She has also, in the past, been involved in the UDF as the chairperson of the Port Elizabeth Area Committee, a UDF affiliate serving the white community. Previously she was the Secretary General of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS). As well as being the chairperson of the ECC in Port Elizabeth, she also serves on the ECC National Committee.

Earlier this year she represented ECC on a two-week visit to France hosted by SOS Racisme. She was a speaker at the SOS Racisme conference on apartheid on 21 March. She also met with a range of French organisations while there.

Ever since moving to Port Elizabeth in 1984 Janet has been the target of harassment and repression from both the security police as well as unknown persons. She has been detained on four occasions without any charge being brought against her. She and a friend, Dominique Souchon (at present also in detention), were the victims of a false arrest for possessing illegal drugs in March this year. On two occasions she has had her car fire-bombed. On the second occasion the car was destroyed beyond repair. She has been assaulted on the main street of Port Elizabeth while distributing ECC pamphlets. She has suffered numerous security police raids both on her home and her office. She has also been the recipient of many death threats.

We fear for Janet's safety. We believe that international attention and pressure in her case will limit the possibility of her coming to any harm while in detention.

ECC Members in Detention

The following is a list of ECC members still in detention:

Port Elizabeth

- 1) Philip Wilkinson, 22, ECC Port Elizabeth member, unemployed butcher and conscientious objector. He was detained on June 15 and is still being held. In April this year he was arrested by Military Police for failing to report for a military camp, and was held in military detention barracks for 9 days. The charges pending against him have been dropped.
- 2) Dominique Souchon, 27, a prominent member of ECC. He was previously employed by the Port Elizabeth Municipality as a training officer, and since June he has worked as the Eastern Cape research worker for the University of the Witwatersrand. Detained on June 15, he was issued with a deportation order on July 7. He was born in Vietnam and is Mauritian citizen, but has lived in South Africa for more than 25 years. He is being held in detention pending the implementation of his deportation order. The delay is related to his passport awaiting renewal. His entire family live in South Africa, and he has never lived in Mauritius. He has previously been detained without trial three times.
- 3) Janet Cherry, 24. (See above for details).

Grahamstown

- 1) Melissa de Villiers, 21, ECC Grahamstown Executive member, and ECC Rhodes University chairperson. An honours student, she was detained on June 28 and is still being held after an application in the Supreme Court for her release failed.

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