



**‘Educating to overturn and prevent the wrongful conviction of innocent people.’**

# **Innocence Projects Day 2008**

## **Outreach!**

**National Pro Bono Week,  
10-14 November 2008**

**The Innocence Projects Day coincides, annually, with National Pro Bono Week. It invites staff and students from the 20+ member university innocence projects to reach out to their local communities to educate the public about the wrongful conviction and imprisonment of the innocent, which led to the establishment of the Innocence Network UK (INUK) and its member innocence projects:**

- **The Criminal Justice System is a flawed human system!**
- **Police misconduct and shoddy police investigations can occur; prosecutors can fail to disclose vital evidence; forensic science expert witnesses can get it wrong; false allegations can be made; and defence lawyers can give inadequate defence to their clients - causing innocent individuals to fall prey to wrongful convictions and imprisonment!**
- **There are almost 5,000 successful appeals against criminal conviction in England and Wales each year – 20 a day!**
- **The Prison Service and the Parole Board work on the untenable basis that all prisoners were correctly convicted by the courts making no concession at all for the possibility of innocent prisoners!**
- **There are many thousands of prisoners maintaining innocence who may never be released from prisoners as they will not show remorse for crimes that they say they did not commit!**
- **Victims of wrongful convictions and their families suffer psychological and financial damage and forms of social stigma for the rest of their lives!**
- **The Criminal Cases Review Commission was set up in response to the cases of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six, but it cannot guarantee that innocent victims of wrongful conviction will have their cases referred back to the Court of Appeal!**
- **Since the establishment of the INUK in 2004, there are currently approximately 500 students in universities in the UK working on over 50 cases of life-sentenced prisoners maintaining innocence!**