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Latest #Unity4J online vigil for Julian Assange a major international success with over 220,000 views on Periscope!



High profile transparency advocates from across the political spectrum including John Kiriakou, Jimmy Dore, Ross Cameron, Margaret Kimberley, Scott Ludlam, and Joe Lauria were among the noteworthy speakers drawing over 220,000 Periscope viewers to #Unity4J's last event.

Thousands of additional viewers perused other platforms such as multiple Facebook and YouTube streams, and analytics show the #Unity4J hashtag clocked over 153,178,640 impressions on Twitter. The unique, trans-partisan movement's widespread appeal has drawn over 2,800 volunteers to the #Unity4J organising platform, gained multiple shares from the Julian Assange and WikiLeaks Twitter accounts, and the expressed support of Christine Assange, Julian's mother.

The Unity4J movement announced in this historic vigil that a future global protest action campaign is currently in the works

Aiming to augment its online events with on-the-ground actions worldwide, the #Unity4J platform is currently restructuring to become even more effective, efficient and welcoming.

Any who wish to help achieve freedom for Julian Assange and the restoration of his human rights may join the thousands of volunteers fighting for the freedom of the western world's most prosecuted publisher here: <https://unity4j.com/discord>

The Unity4J website is also headed for a major upgrade, with downloadable posters, flyers, stickers, etc. in the works.

Upon receiving news of the phenomenal success of the event, Christine Assange said: "Regardless of political camp, more and more citizens are realizing that democracy and freedom are dependent on an independent, honest and courageous free press willing to hold governments and corporations accountable to the people. They are sensibly and strategically putting aside their other differences to unite in the fight for this democratic principle. They rightfully see Wikileaks as a champion of a genuine free press, freedom and democracy and are angry at the blatant brutal political persecution of my son, its editor."

Organizer Suzie Dawson said: "The people have spoken. Despite an abject lack of mainstream acknowledgment or coverage of this historic, newsworthy movement, we are smashing our records and expanding our reach with every event. As the list of participants and supporters continues to grow, so does hope that this generation can, as previous generations have, rise together to demand the emancipation of one of the world's most persecuted political prisoners: Julian Assange."

Spread the word:

See the replay of the event at: <https://unity4j.com/stream>

Movement hashtag: #Unity4J

Official website: <https://unity4j.com/>

Official Twitter: [@Unity4J](https://twitter.com/Unity4J)

WikiLeaks Legal Defence Fund:

<https://justice4assange.com/donate.html>

WikiLeaks support website:

<https://iamwikileaks.org>

Courage Foundation:

<https://couragefound.org/>

Other credible accounts for Julian Assange updates:
<https://twitter.com/suzi3d/lists/assange-updates>

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Media inquiries and interview requests should be made to Suzie Dawson, via DM on Twitter: [@Suzi3D](https://twitter.com/Suzi3D), or Elizabeth Vos on Twitter via [@ElizabethleaVos](https://twitter.com/ElizabethleaVos), or by emailing info@unity4j.com

For more background on the recent escalation of grave threats to Julian Assange's life and liberty, we recommend reading the following articles:

Courage Foundation: Assange's protection from US extradition "in jeopardy"

<https://www.iamwikileaks.org/2018/05/25/assanges-protection-from-us-extradition-in-jeopardy/>

Did Rep. Adam Schiff Just Admit the US Has a Secret Indictment of Julian Assange?

<https://grayzoneproject.com/2018/05/26/did-rep-adam-schiff-just-admit-the-us-has-a-secret-indictment-of-julian-assange/>

Conspiracy emerges to push Julian Assange into British and US hands

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2018/05/16/assa-m16.html>

The UK's Hidden Role in Assange's Detention

<https://original.antiwar.com/cook/2018/02/12/uks-hidden-role-assanges-detention/>

Treatment of Assange is unjust, says former Ecuador minister

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/may/16/julian-assange-treatment-irresponsible-ecuador-foreign-minister-quillaume-long>

Ecuador's Ex-President Rafael Correa Denounces Treatment of Julian Assange as "Torture"

<https://theintercept.com/2018/05/16/ecuadors-ex-president-rafael-correa-denounces-treatment-of-julian-assange-as-torture/>

Opinion: Ecuador's Solitary Confinement Of Assange Is Torture

<https://disobedientmedia.com/2018/04/opinion-ecuadors-solitary-confinement-of-assange-is-torture/>

Being Julian Assange

<https://contraspin.co.nz/beingjulianassange/>