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## **1984 Action Day Protest Against CCTV Integration and Facial Recognition Glasgow, Saturday 6th June**

On Saturday 6th June No CCTV will be mounting a protest against CCTV Integration and Facial Recognition in Glasgow on the Buchanan Steps and South Royal Exchange Square to coincide with the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of George Orwell's novel 1984 [1].

No-CCTV protestors will be appearing clad in reflective foil to defeat facial recognition (see photo of May protest in Newcastle upon Tyne [2]).

Spokesman for No-CCTV Nathan Allonby [3] will be providing comments to journalists

### **Location:**

13.30 on the Buchanan Steps, adjacent the Royal Concert Hall, Sauchiehall Street.  
14.30 at South Royal Exchange Square, adjacent the museum of Modern Art.

Nathan Allonby of No CCTV describes Glasgow as "the first of the worst" - Glasgow has the most advanced and centralised CCTV Integration scheme in Britain, with tens of thousands of cameras (public, private and transport combined) plus a network of electronic sensors capable of identifying and tracking individuals.

Glasgow has participated in a series of related surveillance projects, e.g. NICE Safe City, Future City and Smart City [3] and the city's surveillance system was supplied by Neptune Intelligence Computer Engineering (NICE) [4], the controversial surveillance firm with military ties, and is capable of tracking individuals via facial recognition.

Nathan Allonby, spokesman for No-CCTV said:

"Scotland has seen an unprecedented expansion of advanced CCTV systems in the period 2021-2023, across 12 different urban areas in Scotland. We are here in Glasgow because it is first of the worst for large, scary surveillance systems,(outside London) with thousands of cameras and a facial recognition system now backed by electronic sensors.

"The new surveillance measures represent a radical alteration of the relationship between citizens and the state. This has not been debated and barely acknowledged in parliament."

This is the second of a series protests highlighting different types of CCTV systems

- Newcastle upon Tyne (2 May) - modern system with greater emphasis on tracking by electronic sensors than by cameras, as part of the Urban Observatory project
- Glasgow (6 June) - First and Worst - pioneering the most centralised, largest publicly controlled system with facial recognition system

- Manchester (4 July) - Advanced integrated system built by public-private partnership rather than public control

No-CCTV will be adopting a new style of pop-up protests that fall outside the threshold of controls under new anti-protest laws. We will not be asking our supporters to travel to the epicentre of the most heavily surveilled city in the world (London).

Protests will take place around the UK highlighting different aspects of the surveillance issue and that this is an "everywhere" issue.

No-CCTV is a UK national organisation affiliated to the International Working Group on Video Surveillance (IWGVS) formed through the Brussels Freedom Not Fear meetings

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### **References:**

[1] George Orwell's dystopian novel '1984' was first published on 8th June 1949. '1984' was meant to be a warning of how totalitarianism can take hold even in so-called western liberal democracies such as Britain. However it appears that governments view the novel more like a code of practice.

[2] <http://www.no-cctv.org.uk/press/Newcastle-No-CCTV%20Protest%2020260502.jpeg>

[3] <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/glasgow-becomes-a-world-leading-smart-city>

<https://scottishcities.org.uk/smart-cities/glasgow-and-the-8th-city-programme/>

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[4] <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24883655.calls-glasgow-city-council-ditch-israeli-cctv-firm/>

### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

1. No CCTV campaigns against the excessive use of surveillance cameras. Their homepage is at [www.no-cctv.org.uk](http://www.no-cctv.org.uk). For further information contact Nathan Allonby [nathan.allonby@no-cctv.org.uk](mailto:nathan.allonby@no-cctv.org.uk)

2. This press release may be downloaded from <http://www.no-cctv.org.uk/press/>