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**#Unity4J announces 4th online vigil followed by 'Unity4J Day' mass decentralised actions in support of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks**



This weekend marks a historic milestone for worldwide supporters of the arbitrarily detained publisher Julian Assange.

A dynamic new format for the highly popular Unity4J monthly online vigils is to be launched this coming Saturday, September 1st 2018, starting at 10am Eastern, 7am Pacific (2pm UTC). To be led for the first time by Joe Lauria, Editor in Chief of Consortium News, the upcoming event will showcase the ever-growing list of high profile supporters of the movement in an engaging new way.

Conceived by organiser Suzie Dawson, the concept is described as a "daisy-chain style digital relay" - featuring twenty four guest appearances of 30 minutes duration each. At the conclusion of each segment, guests transition from interviewee to interviewer.

Ms Dawson said:

"I am very pleased to be handing the reins of our vigil events to someone as experienced, respected and knowledgeable as Joe Lauria. This fresh new format will produce unique pairings of vigil participants as each person interviewed becomes the moderator of the next segment. This will enable many dearly loved activists and journalists who support Julian to engage each other directly and interact on the stream, passing the baton to remind the audience of the urgent and pressing need to promote solidarity for Julian Assange, WikiLeaks, press freedom and human rights."

The upgraded vigil format is just part of what Unity4J has in store for the near future.

**Beginning Sunday 2nd September, 2018: the first “Unity4J Day” will see supporters across the world taking mass decentralised actions on the ground for Julian Assange.**

The first ‘Unity4JDay’ will employ the skills and resources of the Unity4J movement’s ‘online non-violent digital army’ towards supporting on the ground actions for Julian originating from all four corners of the globe.

The unique, trans-partisan movement’s widespread appeal has drawn over 2,900 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 hashtag has clocked over 150 million impressions on Twitter, and the latest online vigil drew in over 220,000 viewers on Periscope alone.

As #Unity4J surges towards critical mass, the deployment of plans for ‘Unity4J Day’ events fulfils a promise by the movement to turn online support into real world action.

**Spread the word:**

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

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

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

Movement hashtag: [#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](#), or by emailing [info@unity4j.com](mailto: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/assam16.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-guillaume-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>