



# Equal rights for men and women

“An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come.”  
Victor Hugo (1802-85)

The human rights of men and boys in Britain today are assaulted in many areas by the state’s actions and inactions, almost always to privilege women and girls. **Justice for Men & Boys (J4MB)**,<sup>1</sup> a political party launched in 2013, explored 20 such areas in its 2015 general election manifesto.<sup>2</sup> They include:

Genital mutilation	Armed Forces veterans mental health
Reproductive rights	Homelessness
Fatherlessness	Suicide (#1 cause of death of men under 45)
Education	Criminal justice system
Employment	Paternity fraud
Denial of access to children	Anonymity for suspected sexual offenders
Domestic violence	Divorce settlements
Sexual abuse	Healthcare provision

Society is indifferent to male suffering, so governments and other bodies can – and do – assault the human rights of men and boys with impunity. The **gender empathy gap** is one of many issues explored in detail by William Collins, an important British blogger.<sup>3</sup>

Assaults on some males’ human rights start early, with non-therapeutic circumcision (**Male Genital Mutilation, MGM**). MGM is illegal under the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, being at least ABH, and almost certainly GBH. **The criminal justice system refuses to prosecute the people carrying out the procedures, although the law of the land does not allow for exemptions on religious or cultural grounds.** We refer readers of this leaflet to the Jewish case against MGM,<sup>4</sup> and the Muslim case.<sup>5</sup> J4MB has protested against MGM outside the last four Conservative party conferences, and has a playlist of 80+ audio and video pieces on MGM on YouTube, including videos of those protests.<sup>6</sup>

J4MB is a prominent organization in the international **Men’s Rights Movement (MRM)**, a rapidly-growing movement fighting for the human rights of men and boys, and alerting the world to the negative impact of feminism on society. Feminism is an ideology which seeks not gender equality, but ever more privileging of women and girls, which *inevitably* disadvantages men and boys.

**International Conferences on Men’s Issues** have been held in four of the past five years – Detroit (2014), London (2016), Gold Coast, Australia (2017) and London again (2018). Videos of all 70+ presentations at these conferences are on a J4MB playlist.<sup>7</sup> The keynote speech at the 2018 London conference was made by Karen Straughan, an important Canadian **Men’s Rights Activist (MRA)**, “Why women must consign feminism to the dustbin of history.”<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://j4mb.org.uk>

<sup>2</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/V10manifesto>

<sup>3</sup> <https://empathygap.uk>

<sup>4</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/JAC2017>

<sup>5</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/QP2017>

<sup>6</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/MGMplaylist>

<sup>7</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/ICMIvideosplaylist>

<sup>8</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/ICMI18KarenStraughan>