

Falkland Islanders Join CABP

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Where do you turn when you're a British pensioner living in a British territory that is (mind bogglingly) included among the unfortunate "frozen" realms of the world?

You turn to CABP!

Last May, among the "daily dozen" emails received in my Vancouver Island paradise, there was one from Graham France in the Falkland Islands. How exciting to know our *JUSTICE* articles are working so far away! Graham wanted a copy of a letter I had sent to Tony Blaah, so I sent one along to him and included a package of recruiting letters and other info for distribution to Brits over there. I received this email in reply:

Good morning, Alan, from a bright and not too breezy Stanley in the South Atlantic! Just a quick note to thank you for the recruitment forms and state pension rates information just received. I have started to distribute these and have given some to Jim Lewis who is, I believe, the only other (current) CABP member we have in the Falklands. He has promised to pass these on to those who will be or are now affected by the "freeze." We just hope for some results by way of an increase in membership.

How ludicrous it is that Britain could freeze the pensions of the residents of a British Overseas Territory that is governed by Westminster, annexed by Britain four centuries ago, and a participant in the European Common Market! So, the Falkland Islands are now home to the southernmost members of CABP and we have a volunteer co-ordinator there. A big "Thank you!" to Graham, for so actively participating in our fight for justice and equality.