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**JM:** that was a big alliance, groups like race today, the women's group in Brixton. Quite a lot of groups came together to form this Brixton Defence Campaign, it was probably one of the first times there was a coalition. Um And it was a-it was a-it was uneasy you know, it wasn't easy to work, the groups weren't that- although everybody knew each other You chose your group for reasons and the people who were in Race Today weren't always friendly with the people in the Defence campaign although everybody knew each other, but anyway that's, that was that was one of the campaigns there were equally there were campaigns about people being killed in police custody demonstrations I remember going to demonstrations, numerous demonstrations, outside Stoke Newington Police Station, Black people were regularly through the 80's hurt in prison there or mysteriously killed in custody and there were always campaigns and demonstrations that followed from those, you know in in those days. I'm sure that happens now but it's-it' always you know, what always starts is the family start and if you know the family it goes through the networks and then other organisations rally round, that was very much the democratic spirit of it. I mean now people I guess mobilise through the net, but then people, they heard something had happened and they said who's forming the campaign? And you went and showed your solidarity either by

fundraising, being on a demo, there was always a way to demonstrate your activism, there was always something to do you know to do that, there was a way to do that.