

Miriam's Vision: A Response to the 2005 London Bombings

History

Who was involved in 7/7? Information Pack 2

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No-one approached me as I emerged from that tunnel, I finally forced myself upon a police officer and gave him my details. Details which were ultimately lost. It was from this point that it all went wrong for everyone but the severely physically injured (who by all accounts have received faultless treatment).

We were left, lost and forgotten. Thankfully many of us have found each other. If it were not for the support of my fellow passengers I do not know where I would be today. My fear is that there are still hundreds of others suffering alone, filled with terror by their unfamiliar minds, silenced through pride and stiff upper lips. We have found over 100 other passengers from that Piccadilly line tube. But at full capacity (which that one most certainly was) they can hold up to 900 people. Where are the other 800? What about the other three bomb sites?

Doubtless some will be coping and getting on with their lives. Only 1 in 4 people will be likely suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after such an event. I have been through it and can safely say it is not something to bear alone. You travel through places so dark and terrifying that you cannot believe they have been created by your own mind. No-one understands, no-one can help, except professionals and people who were there. Some have even attempted suicide, others may have silently succeeded but nobody knows, and that is inexcusable. Fifty-six people (including the four bombers) died in those terrorist attacks but thousands of other innocent lives have been affected in varying degrees.