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Whistleblowers Speak Out About Nauru and Manus Detention Centres

Four Former Detention Centre Workers to Speak

Speakers Include Professor David Isaacs

Four former workers employed at Australia's immigration detention centres on Nauru and Manus Island will speak at a public meeting in Brisbane this Saturday about the appalling conditions they witnessed there.

Professor David Isaacs who worked on Nauru as a paediatrician in 2014 and who has been very outspoken about the "torture like" conditions on Nauru will be a keynote speaker.

Also speaking will be a teacher who worked on Manus Island and a case manager and a teacher who worked on Nauru.

"The Australian government wants to hide the human cost of its brutal refugee deterrence policies" said Mark Gillespie from the Refugee Action Collective. "The Border Force Act was introduced to try and intimidate former workers from speaking out with the threat of two year jail, but they have failed. People feel compelled to speak out. Peter Dutton wants to dismiss media reports about the trauma and stress on the islands as "misinformation" but this will be a chance for the Brisbane public to hear first hand accounts from former workers and they can judge for themselves who is peddling the misinformation".

When: 1pm Saturday 9th April

Where: McElligott Theatre, St Laurence's College 82, Stephens Rd, South Brisbane.

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