



## Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Monthly Group Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

### Present:

Carol Tarrant

Bob Corn

Katherine Danflous

Fran Booth

Sallyann Thilthorpe

David Barnard

Annelies Varsey

**Apologies:** Bronwen Lee, Jim Edwards

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologising for the temporary problem with accommodation for this evening's meeting – the Meeting House is being refurbished, and is pretty much a building site – the kitchen and toilets are not available, and our meeting is to be held in the very small 'library' room. Our focus would be the Refugee Campaign currently hosted by Amnesty International UK, and we will rely heavily on information available on the Internet, YouTube, etc.

1.0 **Previous Minutes** – Agreed – noting that we had not formally met since June 2017, as the July meeting took the form of a summer picnic, and we do not hold a meeting in August.

### 2.0 Urgent Actions:

Katherine, Fran and Bob had prepared Urgent Action letters – all were signed by members present, Bob to post.

### 3.0 The Refugee Campaign:

Carol introduced the topic for the evening, and lively discussion ensued; Internet Links

and clips were viewed, adding to the discussion:

### Interesting REFUGEE LINKS

<http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/refugee-voices/> **refugee voices**

<https://au.answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=20130815172711AAv7VsW>  
**opinions online**

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/hope-for-the-refugees-in-europe#/> **wanting to help**

[https://www.thoughtco.com/united-states-refugee-act-1980-1952018?utm\\_term=un+definition+of+refugee&utm\\_content=p1-main-1-more&utm\\_medium=sem&utm\\_source=msn\\_s&utm\\_campaign=adid-51027026-9b3a-4147-aeff-d436e9bce3c3-0-ab\\_msb\\_ocode-31650&ad=semD&an=msn\\_s&am=broad&q=un+definition+of+refugee&o=31650&qsrc=999&l=sem&askid=51027026-9b3a-4147-aeff-d436e9bce3c3-0-ab\\_msb](https://www.thoughtco.com/united-states-refugee-act-1980-1952018?utm_term=un+definition+of+refugee&utm_content=p1-main-1-more&utm_medium=sem&utm_source=msn_s&utm_campaign=adid-51027026-9b3a-4147-aeff-d436e9bce3c3-0-ab_msb_ocode-31650&ad=semD&an=msn_s&am=broad&q=un+definition+of+refugee&o=31650&qsrc=999&l=sem&askid=51027026-9b3a-4147-aeff-d436e9bce3c3-0-ab_msb)

### 1980 US ACT evoked by Obama

[https://www.homeandgardenideas.com/web?qsrc=999&qo=semQuery&ad=semD&o=603684&l=sem&askid=80a1b7ca-3d83-4097-8f47-aa592abcb98-0-hg\\_msb&q=stories%20of%20refugees&dqi=refugee%20crisis%20facts&am=broad&an=msn\\_s](https://www.homeandgardenideas.com/web?qsrc=999&qo=semQuery&ad=semD&o=603684&l=sem&askid=80a1b7ca-3d83-4097-8f47-aa592abcb98-0-hg_msb&q=stories%20of%20refugees&dqi=refugee%20crisis%20facts&am=broad&an=msn_s)

**Refugees stories**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_refugees](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_refugees)

**Refugees Famous for their contribution.**

### YouTube Links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfP3VmJxKKs> – **Norway Welcomes Refugees**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXPrQawS1aE> – Citizens UK | Housing Syrian Refugees

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvOnXh3NN9w> – The European Refugee Crisis and Syria Explained

**4.0 Any Other Business:**

There was no other business, save that of Carol will have a conversation with the Quaker Meeting House Warden to establish the likelihood of building works disrupting our next Meeting (Note – after the meeting, Carol had a telephone conversation with the Warden, he explaining that whilst they had hoped the building work would have been finished by mid-October, it would not be fully complete by our October meeting – he will endeavour to have the larger room available, but some space will still be taken up with storage of finishing materials).

**5.0 NEXT MEETING: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury HP20 2RT.

Bob Corn, Minutes Secretary, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017