

# Amnesty International Southend Group

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# JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

**Next Group Meeting**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7:30pm** at The Balmoral  
Centre, Salisbury Avenue,  
Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Caribbean Happy Hour(s)** Unable to find a convenient date – postponed for later in the year

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August – AMNESTEA**, pool party & barbeque at 50 Merryfield Approach, Leigh-on-Sea from 4:00pm. Cake contributions welcome. Please invite a friend. [Flyers](#) on Website

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August - Sponsored Walk** – start at 2:00pm at the East Beach Kiosk please sponsor Martin or Andrew or come along yourself. [Sponsorship Form](#) on Group Website.

**Please write:**  
**to your MP about the BRAVE Campaign and to or on behalf Rodrigo Mundaca**, a water rights activist in Chile, plus Ukrainian LGBTI activist **Vitalina Kaval** Details including addresses and guidance on what to say on the [Group website](#).

**AMNESTY EXHIBITION**  
**THE FORUM,**  
**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**  
**12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Posters, leaflets, petitions.  
More details soon

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## Notes of meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### at The Balmoral Centre Westcliff

**Present** Audrey, Martin, Steve, David, Muriel & Mike

**Apologies:** Heidrun, Andrew and Tricia.

**From the last meeting:** the stall at the Leigh Folk Festival had been useful and attracted a few petition signatures and £47 in the collection box. Mike had e-mailed Sir David Amess about Boris Johnson's promise not to let up on Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe but as Boris had resigned had asked Sir David to take up her case with the new Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt.

**Letters and Petitions.** We wrote letters (5) to our MPs about the BRAVE Campaign; sent cards (6) to **Rodrigo Mundaca**, a water rights activist in Chile, plus 1 letter to the Minister of the Interior on his behalf; and we sent letters (6) and an e-mail to the Head of the Ukrainian Police on behalf of LGBTI activist **Vitalina Kaval**.

**Secretary** – the AI UK Local Groups July Mailing included the BRAVE action with MPs, details of the WOMAD Festival, the Great Amnesty Quiz Night 2019, the “Tree of Life” campaign against the death penalty in Japan and new street collection rules. Latest position on the GDPR consent forms – we now 24 “legitimate” members.

**Treasurer** – no change

#### **Fundraising/Publicity**

- The **Caribbean Happy Hour(s)** – POSTPONED till later in the year
- Andrew and Pushpa's **Amnestea pool party and BBQ on 18<sup>th</sup> August**. Cake contributions appreciated. Bring a friend.
- The **Sponsored Walk on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August** will start at 2:00pm at the East Beach Kiosk please sponsor Martin or Andrew or come along yourself. [Sponsorship form](#) on the Group Website.
- **Exhibition at the Forum 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Posters, leaflets, petitions – details next meeting

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*Mike Pregnall*

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