



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
WARRINGTON GROUP
NEWS SHEET NOVEMBER 2018

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

DATES

Thurs. 15th November 7.30 – 9.30 pm

GROUP MEETING

Nora Street Community House, Howley. WA1 2JG

FINANCES

£400 was sent to AIUK Charitable Trust after the last meeting. We now have £331.27 in the account.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Weekend 7th to 9th Dec.



@ Newchurch Parish Church Culcheth. We are entering a decorated Christmas tree for the festival. It is open to the public over the weekend from Fri. 7th Sun. 9th Dec. to 12th

THIS EVIL THING

Fri. 30th Nov. 7.30pm at Unitarian Chapel
 Cross Street, Manchester M2 1NL

Tickets: (£7/£6) online at

Written & performed by Michael Mears telling the compelling, shocking and inspiring story of Britain's WW1 conscientious objectors.

This performance will coincide with the end of the WW1 commemorations.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/GRY> or <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/4522> or at the door.

The play lasts about 80 minutes followed by a Q and A session.

The play was premiered at the Edinburgh Festival in 2016 receiving four star reviews & extremely positive audience feedback:

'Magnificent storytelling' - (Amnesty International judges, Freedom of Expression Award - longlisted);

'A moving and dynamic retelling of a hidden story' (The List); 'An inspirational and disturbing work' - (Festmag)

INDIVIDUAL @ RISK - Margoth Escobar - Ecuador

Environmental Defender in Ecuador



Margoth Escobar could be at risk after her home was intentionally set on fire in September. This is the fourth attack this year against members of the Amazon Women collective an organization of mostly indigenous women who

defend the land, the territory and the environment in the Ecuadorian Amazon. The fire destroyed Margoth's home including merchandise fellow merchants intended to sell over the Christmas period. Margoth's life could be at risk as the authorities have failed to effectively protect the women and to identify the perpetrators. Human rights defenders have been victims of a wide range of violations in Ecuador, such as police brutality, judicial harassment, arbitrary detentions, smear campaigns, threats, harassment and the oppression of indigenous & campesino communities.



Please send the attached letter to the London Embassy of Ecuador

Write for Rights

We are again holding the Write for Rights event at Newchurch Parish Hall Culcheth from 10 am to 1.00 pm (next to Sainsbury's). If any supporters can spare an hour or 2 on the morning of Sat. 8th we would be most grateful for the support. Write for Rights this year is focused on women human rights defenders

AIUK's Launch of 2018 Write 4 Rights

We have been asked to invite our MPs to Amnesty's Write for Rights launch event at the Annual Human Rights Day reception in London, at Speakers House on Wednesday 12th December.

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GOOD NEWS



Chile: Jailed Mapuche Machi Granted Leave for Renewal Ceremony

The Mapuche spiritual leader Celestino Cordova has finally been able to attend his Rewe renewal ceremony after the Chilean gendarmerie granted him temporary permission to leave prison, where he is being held on murder charges he denies.

Cordova, a Mapuche Machi, has now returned to the Intercultural Hospital of Nueva Imperial, an hour from Temuco, where he is being treated after a prolonged hunger strike to demand his right to visit his Rewe, a spiritual necessity for every Machi and their community.

The Machi was heavily guarded by 100 gendarmerie officers forming the first security perimeter and 150 police officers doing rounds. Members of the Chilean security Special Forces and a helicopter were also present.

Shahidul Alam



Group members signed a letter appealing for the release of Shahidul Alam in Bangladesh.

Ayman Nasser.



Members signed letters on behalf of Ayman Nasser, the legal unit coordinator of Palestinian NGO Addameer, who has been issued a six-month administrative detention order.

YEMEN CONFLICT: UK MUST STOP ARMING SAUDI ARABIA



The British government are selling billions of pounds worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia, fuelling a dreadful conflict that's left 22 million people struggling simply to survive.

Over 16,000 people have been killed. Despite this unimaginable human suffering, the UK government has shown no signs of halting their sales.

This must be stopped. Call on Secretary of State for International Trade Liam Fox to stop the UK supplying deadly weapons to Saudi Arabia.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Online action: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/>

AT RISK LAWYER GRANTED PROTECTION

Karina Riquelme was intimidated by Chilean police intelligence agents several times because of her work as a defender of Mapuche Indigenous people rights.



She feared for her personal security and felt intimidated. Chilean human rights defender 7 lawyer Karina Riquelme is no longer considered under imminent threat. The Supreme Court of Justice of Chile ordered protection measures for her on 25 September. The appeal was then filed before the Chilean Supreme Court of Justice. On 25 September the Supreme Court eventually overruled the Appeal Court's decision, stating that the Chilean police intelligence must adopt measures to prevent the recurrence of acts that may threaten the individual security and the free exercise of the profession of lawyer.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr.