

# Amnesty International Southend Group

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## FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### LETTER-WRITING ACTION

Please write to the Gambian President or High Commissioner on behalf of **Ebrima Manneh**, an enforced disappearance; to the Cuban President or Ambassador on behalf of **Eduardo Cardet Concepción**, a medical doctor and pro-democracy activist, arrested in 2016; and to the Head of Justice in Iran via the Ambassador on behalf of **Zeynab Jalalian**, an Iraqi-Kurdish activist jailed after an unfair trial, who is being denied urgent medical care. Click [HERE](#) for details on the Group website.

### AI UK Annual Conference & AGM

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April  
in Nottingham.

Details and booking  
via [AI UK](#) website. If  
you're going please  
tell Mike

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### E Anglia

#### Regional Conference 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Cambridge

“Our rights in Today’s Climate” Exploring the threats to and the connection between environmental and human rights. Click here for [details](#) and to [book](#) and visit the [Facebook](#) page. Speaker - Damien Short, Director of the Human Rights Consortium at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Our next Group  
Meeting is at 7:30pm  
on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
at The Balmoral Centre,  
Salisbury Avenue,  
Westcliff-on-Sea  
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# **Amnesty International Southend Group**

## **Notes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **at The Balmoral Centre Westcliff-on-Sea**

#### **Present**

Martin, Doug, Steve, Jose, David, Muriel & Mike

#### **Apologies:**

Tricia, Erika & Audrey.

#### **Letters and Petitions**

We wrote letters to the Gambian President (3) and High Commissioner (4) on behalf of **Ebrima Manneh**, an enforced disappearance; to the Cuban President (4) and Ambassador (3) on behalf of **Eduardo Cardet Concepción**, a medical doctor and pro-democracy activist, arrested in 2016; and to the Head of Justice in Iran (7) on behalf of **Zeynab Jalalian**, an Iraqi-Kurdish activist jailed after an unfair trial, who is being denied urgent medical care.

**Details of these actions can be found on the front page of the Newsletter and on the Group website.**

#### **Secretary**

AI UK Local Groups monthly mailing contained:

- The annual Groups Planning Pack for 2019. We decided to fill it in as per 2018 but as we'd had absolutely no response to that, we felt it was a complete waste of time and effort.
- Details of AI UK [Annual Conference and AGM](#) which is 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April in Nottingham. If you want to go you need to book before 8<sup>th</sup> March. Mike & Muriel can't go - if you're going please let Mike know.
- Details of a Families Together action and one to tell Trip Advisor to stop advertising accommodation in illegal Israeli settlements on occupied Palestinian land.

By the time you read this Doug and Martin will have spent the evening of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February handing out AI UK wristbands at The Kaiser Chiefs concert at the Cliffs Pavilion

There's a Regional Conference on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Cambridge – the theme is “**Our rights in Today's Climate**” and will explore the threats to and the connection between environmental and human rights. Damien Short, Director of the Human Rights Consortium at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, will talk about his research on the human rights impacts of extreme energy processes (tar sands, fracking etc.) and environmental justice.

#### **Treasurer**

No change in our finances since the last meeting

#### **Fundraising/Publicity**

Mu will organise a fundraising meal.

We've had an invitation to have a stall at the Castle Point Show but we decided not to take part.

#### **AOB**

Mike and Muriel are away for the April meeting

#### **Next Meeting**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019** at the Balmoral Centre at 7:30pm.

*Mike Pregnall*

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