



# NEWS from WARRINGTON GROUP

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

HOPE FOR HUMANITY

## DATES

### Sun.12<sup>th</sup> May WI Car Boot Sale, Antrobus

Buy a bargain from our indoor stall

### Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 – 9.30 pm

GROUP MEETING - Nora Street Community House, Howley. WA1 2JG

### Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 2 pm

Town Centre Stall in Market Gate In front of Barclays

### Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am

Plant Sale in Appleton

## WI CAR BOOT SALE – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 8am Antrobus Village Hall

You'll need to get up early to grab a bargain. We have booked an indoor spot in case of poor weather. All money raised will help support Individuals at Risk



Antrobus now has a community shop & tea room so you can enjoy home-made cake with your drink after you have bagged your bargain.

## INDIVIDUAL @ RISK –Senator Leila de Lima



Since Feb. 2017, against her rights as a sitting senator, Leila de Lima has been detained inside the National Police Headquarters solely for her criticism of the Duterte administration.

As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights she started an investigation into the killings that began immediately after Duterte took office. Duterte and his allies responded with a year-long smear campaign against her with the stated intention "to destroy her publicly". One of the only leaders bold enough to oppose Duterte's methods, her prolonged arbitrary detention is a blatant attempt to silence her as she continues to speak out against widespread human rights violations, including thousands of extrajudicial executions of mostly poor and marginalized people.

## Town Centre Stall in Market Gate (In front of Barclays) Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10 am to 2 pm

Come and Join us to help raise awareness of Amnesty's valuable work. We are particularly featuring Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe hoping to trigger a tsunami of support for her release. Come and sign our petition to the Iranian Ambassador in London or sign an individual letter on her behalf

## Stockton Heath Collection – 13<sup>th</sup> April

The collection in Stockton Heath raised £136.16. This is less than previous collections, but it was very quiet in Stockton Heath that day. There was a cold wind, and it was felt that if we have another collection we should choose a warmer time of year.

## Appleton plant sale Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am



Plants grown locally with that extra something that comes from the personal touch! Phone or email for further information.



**If you can please send the attached letter to the Philippine Embassy in London.**

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## KNITTING FOR NAZANIN



Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe is a British-Iranian dual citizen who has been detained in Iran since 3 April 2016. In early September 2016 she was sentenced to five years' imprisonment "for allegedly plotting to topple the Iranian government."

### KNITTING FOR NAZANIN

After 3 years in prison in Iran Nazanin Zagari-Ratcliffe's physical and mental health is very fragile exacerbated by the separation from her 5-year old daughter, Gabrielle.

Sadly Gabrielle has now forgotten how to speak English!

To help keep hope alive Nazanin and other political prisoners in prison with her have been knitting gifts for Gabrielle – here she is wearing the knitted scarf and hat!



This has inspired Cardiff Amnesty Group to produce a symbolic knitted 'chain of oppression'. Each link of the chain will have 1190 stiches – a stitch for everyday that Nazanin will have been in prison when the chain is completed.

If you would like to knit strip for the chain the instructions are below. The knitted strips can be posted to Cardiff or brought to Market Gate on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May between 10 am and 2 pm where Warrington Amnesty group will have an information stall.

A creative use for the chain is being sought – if long enough it could be wrapped around the Iranian Embassy in London symbolically imprisoning the Embassy!

### Knitting instructions

The chain links can be any colour you choose but we are asking you to follow these pattern instructions (and please don't weave the loose ends in, as we can use them to sew the links together).

To create rectangular strips approximately 30x5cm: DK weight yarn (any fibre can be used, e.g. wool, acrylic, cotton, or a blend) at a gauge of 22 stitches and 28 rows in 10cm. 4mm needles (UK old size 8, American size 6) is the usual suggested needle size but adjust this for your personal knitting tension.

Cast on 70 stitches. Then knit 17 rows straight (this will produce garter stitch). Then cast off ... the chains of oppression.



Address for the knitted strips:

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