



A new era

Here is the second issue of our **regional newsletter published by** Bournville Amnesty.

If you would like to list an event please include date and time, venue (with a postcode if possible), title and a brief description. Feel free to send a flyer or branding and we'll try to incorporate it.

Remember it is mainly a listing. However, if anyone would like to publish a piece about an issue of concern please send it to john@johndolan.co.uk in its final form. We'd suggest between 100-300 words. Do include a small number of images.

Lastly, if you'd like to share photos from recent actions please send them for the picture gallery.

We also welcome notices and pieces from other organisations we are working with. Friends in groups such as *Restore*, *Freedom from Torture*, *City of Sanctuary* are welcome to send material for the listings and pieces, as above, should they wish. Friends in other organisations may also wish to receive the newsletter. Please let me know.

If you have any ideas or suggestions to add to or improve the newsletter please let me know.



East & West Midlands Amnesty conference.



Unfortunately, the first regional conference, originally scheduled for 19th October has to be **postponed**. Organisers are working on an alternative date so watch out for a fresh announcement, with a full programme, date and venue information.

What's on in the West Midlands



Bournville Amnesty

Thursday 19th September 7.30pm
Friends meeting House, Linden Road B30 1JT

We will now show short documentary films on human right in Iran and discuss the accounts and Amnesty's position and actions.

Please note. The presentation on Iran and Bahrain by Elizabeth Arif-Fear will now take place on 21st November:

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU
TO A TALK ABOUT

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SPEAKERS:
KATE ALLEN DIRECTOR OF AIUK
ELEANOR SMITH MP FOR WOLVERHAMPTON SW

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20 19:00-21:00
AT THE TRACTOR SHED, BANTOCK PARK,
WOLVERHAMPTON WV3 9LQ



Sutton Coldfield Amnesty

Friday 27 September 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Large Hall, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 69
Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2NU
Car park at the rear.

Sutton Coldfield group are holding a Q&A on human rights with our MP, Andrew Mitchell. Last year's debate was so successful that Mr Mitchell wanted to make it an annual event.

Mr Mitchell was Secretary of State for International Development, and has travelled to many areas of conflict, and is therefore able to answer with some knowledge and experience.

If you would like to put a question to him you are very welcome. It would be helpful if you could let us know you're question beforehand. These are always informative evenings.

Pat Newton, Secretary



Amnesty International Mid-Warwickshire

Tuesday 24th September 7.30pm
Oken Tea Rooms, 20 Castle Street
Warwick CV34 4BP

Letter writing evening.



Amnesty International Mid-Warwickshire

Saturday 28 September 9.30am - 2.00pm

We are holding a street stall in Kenilworth on.

We still need volunteers so if you can spare an hour to help please email Iris irisae203@protonmail.com.



Bournville Amnesty

Thursday 17th October 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, Linden Road B30 1JT



Bring along a topic you feel strongly about. Share your concerns. Discuss with members. Maybe even take action!

Always amazing discussions at the Open Mic nights



Bournville Amnesty

Thursday 21st November 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, Linden Road B30 1JT

Presentation and discussion: Iran and Bahrain Elizabeth Arif-Fear, Country Coordinator Bahrain and Iran



Bournville Amnesty

Saturday 7th December 11am- 1.00pm

Carrs Lane Church, Birmingham B4 7SX



In partnership with Freedom from Torture. This is our big annual event and one of our main fundraisers. All welcome for a great mix of musical talent, inspiring words and a good old Christmas singalong finale. Last year's concert was "the best ever" so hope lots of friends will be there for more.



To all Members of Amnesty West Midlands

You can help fill these pages

Please send info on events, actions and activities to John Dolan at Bournville Amnesty john@johndolan.co.uk

In the subject line of your emails please write 'Amnesty West Midlands News' so we can more easily pick up the emails



A picture speaks

Send your pictures to share your actions with other members in the region



Poems for a prisoner

An evening of poetry to help Ali and his sister. Bournville Amnesty raised £290 to help Ali and his family come together



Moving poetry. Strong words. Indignation. Humour. Irony

Lots of great readings and performances from everyone who came.

Live facetime conversation with Farida Aarrass, Ali's sister in Belgium (Pat with John in the yellow boxes)