

# **Amnesty West Midlands**

October 2019



East & West Midlands Amnesty conference for local groups



## **Global Rights-Local Action**

**Human Rights are OUR Rights?** 

Aston University
11<sup>th</sup> January 2020
9.30am (for 10am start) to 5.00pm

Main speaker

Kate Allen, Director of Amnesty International UK

#### Aims of the conference

To re-institute the area conference idea in the West Midlands and follow up on the East Midlands Conference of February 2018

To bring together activists from the Midlands area to explore

- Area reaction to the Impact of the Movement (IOM) work at AIUK
- The creation, resourcing and direction of the IOM pilot (alongside Kent as at least one other pilot) to develop the IOM strategy; the pilots will be part of the AIUK Evaluation
- International Campaign Updates
- The Dissemination of Interesting Ideas and Practice across the Region.

### The programme is coming together:

- Impact of the Movement presentation
- Presentation on Football Welcomes with AIUK staff and involving Aston Villa and Leicester City
- Workshops with Country Coordinators
- Workshop on creative work with refugees and asylum seekers; jointly with City of Sanctuary
- Exhibition on Myanmar/Burma

#### Plus

- Action for Ali Aarrass
- Local groups will be invited to bring reps from local partner organisations you work with and neighbouring Amnesty school and university groups
- There will be a charge of £5 to help cover the cost of refreshments

More details to follow late October /early November Meanwhile ... please ask all members to put the date and location in the diary.



## What's on in the West **Midlands**

**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!

So we can plan the timing please let Martin know if you wish to raise a topic martintombate@yahoo.co.uk

Always amazing discussions at the Open Mic nights

**Malvern Hills Group** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 Doors open & Bar 7.00pm Dancing 8 - 11pm Malvern Cube, Albert Road North Malvern **WR14 2YF** 



Bournville Amnesty
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm
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**Presentation and discussion: Iran and Bahrain** Elizabeth Arif-Fear, Country
Coordinator Bahrain and Iran



Thanks to AI Canada for this image. In fact, when searching on Google for an image for this entry,

most of them of torture and executions were so obscene I chose not to use them.

Bournville Amnesty
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm

### Write for Rights

Letter writing to and on behalf of prisoners and victims of injustice



Letters, cards and greetings for victims of injustice and a social get together for the Christmas season
- mince pies on order

Bournville Amnesty
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December11am- 1.00pm
Carrs Lane Church, Birmingham B4 7SX
£8 under 16s free. Book with
john@johndolan.co.uk or pay on door





#### Featuring

Dohl Drummers \* Kate Macwilliam of Quill, violin \* Liz Brown, poetry \* Michael CT Lam, baritone \* Jake Wakelin, guitar \* Debra Gordon, Freedom from Torture \* Choir With No Name \* Barbara Forbes, Birmingham City of Sanctuary, Guest speaker \* Moseley Voices, community singing group \* plus a couple of surprises...

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 finale. Last year's concert was "the best ever" so hope lots of friends will be there for more.

And another joint effort from Bournville Amnesty and Freedom from Torture



Friday 24th January 2020

Doors open 7.00pm. Quiz starts 7.30pm

## \*\*\*\*???? Quiz Night ????\*\*\*\*

at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne, B17 0DN

Our other biggest fundraiser
Together with friends at *Freedom from Torture*. *Great Quiz. Fabulous prizes. Laughter.* 

Samosas included. Pay bar till midnight.

We return to St Mary's for another packed evening with our Master Quizmaster Shri. Don't miss out!



And





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

Thanks to Malvern Hills for sending the ceilidh flyer (above). Looks like a great night!

