Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of on-line meeting held on 10thMarch 2021

1. Present: Hetty Tye, Margaret George, Karen Cooper, Sally-Ann Parker, Chris Ramsey, Megan Bridgeland, Chris Clarke, and members from Penzance and Launceston.
2. Apologies: Georgie Wong.
3. Speaker: the first part of the meeting was a talk by Tiina Jauhiainen about the current situation concerning Princess Latifa and her sister Princess Shamsa in Dubai, following the panorama programme. Questions and discussion followed the talk, in particular about what Amnesty is doing (Tiina said that Amnesty Finland are very active on the case), and what we can usefully do to highlight the situation. It was agreed that we could send letters to our MPs asking for the MP to contact Dominic Raab, to press for Foreign Office action. Chris would contact the AI area coordinator to see what is happening regarding an Amnesty UK campaign. It was also suggested writing to the Queen, as Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum is a prominent racehorse owner who has frequently been photographed with the queen. Dubai has a poor human rights record, especially as regards women and foreign workers.

Following the talk and discussion, we held a short business meeting

1. Correspondence: the Spring issue of the Amnesty members’ magazine had arrived. Margaret would pass the spare copy on to Georgie.
2. Treasurer’s report: Karen reported that we have £738.49, after sending off our affiliation fee and the donation to HQ previously agreed.
3. Campaigns 1. North Africa – Hetty suggested that it would be good to do screen shots, for example with ‘close case 173’. 2. Chris would circulate the IOPT newsletter with actions. The ICC is investigating whether war crimes have been committed in Gaza.
4. Future meetings: For 14th April it is hoped to have an input from ‘Penryn and Falmouth welcome refugee families’ .

On 11th May the Launceston group has invited us to join them for a talk on Modern Slavery. This is a Tuesday. We will need to decide whether to hold our own meeting on Wed 12th May. After that for the June meeting we hope to have a link with Queerkernow

1. Next meeting: the next online meeting will be on Wed 14th April at 6.30.