Truro and District Amnesty International Group

Minutes of on-line meeting held on 10th November 2021

1. Present: Chris Ramsey, Margaret George, Karen Cooper, Wailim Wong, Hetty Tye, Shirley Sweeney, Georgie Wong, Paul Kelly, plus 5 visitors from Penzance and Launceston.
2. Apologies: Carole Liesse.
3. Talk on Afghanistan: Nigina Istanakai-Zafari, the country coordinator for Afghanistan spoke movingly about the current situation and her own personal and family experience. The talk was followed by discussion and questions
4. Minutes of meeting held on 13TH October, matters arising: the Day of Action on refugees (23 Oct) was successfully marked in Truro. We held a joint stall with the Truro Community Refugee Support Group and had a good display of our paper boats and information about Amnesty’s work with refugees and displaced persons.
5. Treasurer’s report: Karen reported that we have £683.47. This is after purchase of the cards, but before we have sold any.
6. Correspondence/regional campaigns: the various newsletters had been circulated.
7. AGM 2021: the AGM was held at this point. The Minutes will be printed separately but for information, the various roles are: Chair, Chris; Secretary, Margaret; Treasurer, Karen; N Africa, Hetty; IOPT, Chris; Mexico and Central America, Georgie; Former USSR, Margaret; Death Penalty, Wailim. Social Media – Karen (Chris will check if Melissa is able to continue to manage the website). Stalls/collections organiser – Georgie.
8. Forward planning: 1. **card stalls at High Cross booked for 27th Nov and 11th Dec**. Margaret is drawing up the rotas. Chris will order the booklets, choose the cases and laminate them.

2. **future meetings**. It was agreed to try starting the meetings at 7pm from December. Chris will contact speakers for the future meetings.

1. Next meeting: **Wed 9th December,** **7.00pm** via zoom.