

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



January 2023

Thank you to all local groups that organised fundraising events and made donations to Amnesty International UK last year. Your contributions will help enable important human rights work and your events give Amnesty International a visible presence in communities across the whole country. This month's mailing features news of two recent successful fundraising events organised in the last two months and includes a link to the annual Financial Return Form. Read one for more details!

Mid-Warwickshire Amnesty Group's Evening of Opera



The Mid-Warwickshire Amnesty Group started off the year with a wonderful evening of live opera music in aid of Amnesty International UK. Jane Salut, the group chair/treasurer, spoke to us about this impressive event:

"After cancellations and postponements during the Covid years, the Mid-Warwickshire group were delighted that the 2023 benefit concert went ahead on Saturday 14th of January in The Collegiate Church of St. Mary's, Warwick.

"Twelve musicians and five soloists, conducted by Antoine Mitchell, performed Mascagni's one act opera, Cavalleria Rusticana, followed by excerpts from Puccini's Le Villi and La Bohème.

"The concert delighted the audience who came out in large numbers despite the cold weather. Many Amnesty members volunteered to help during the afternoon rehearsal and at the evening performance. Ticket and drink sales created a healthy profit and the group was delighted to raise £1000 for Amnesty.

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“Most importantly, our Chair, Fiona Clayton, gave a fabulous introduction to the concert by outlining the work Amnesty does, with a poignant example of a prisoner of conscience who thanked Amnesty after his release.

“Well done Mid-Warwickshire!”

Some of the payments taken on the door were made by card. If you're interested in borrowing some card machines to support your fundraising plans, get in touch using the details at the end of this mailing.



Mulled Wine and Write for Rights

Many local groups organised Write for Rights events with a fundraising element towards the end of last year. Most of these raised enough funds to cover postage costs and a small contribution to Amnesty International UK. These contributions make a big difference and help us support the amazing Write for Rights campaign – thank you to everyone who did this! One event stood out though, the Wharfedale Amnesty Group sold mulled wine at their Write for Rights event at the Otley Victorian Fayre. It was obviously very popular, because it raised over £1,270!



The Wharfedale Group Selling Mulled Wine at Otley Victorian Fayre

Local Group Financial Return Form

We ask all groups to fill out a Financial Return Forms to help give us an idea of the financial health of groups and how best we can support them. Thank you to everyone who has filled out one of these forms already. For those that haven't, you can request a hardcopy by contacting us using the details below or you can use one of the links below to access the form online.

[Download a PDF of the Financial Return Form](#)

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