



Dates for your diary	Saturday 24/06/2023, 10:00 - 17:00 Amnesty AGM (in person, London or online) 19 - 25/06/2023: Refugee Week Monday 03/07/2023 12:00 - 14:00 Protest in support of Alaa, London 06/08/2023: Hiroshima Day event (details to follow) Saturday 12/08/2023, meeting 11:00-11:15: Downs Pumble from Singleton
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Dear writers

Local events

- **Saturday 12/08/2023:** date confirmed for our annual **Pumble** (“pub-ramble”). Meeting at Singleton (60 bus leaving Chichester Cathedral at 10:48, arriving 11:07; car users park near the village hall) between 11:00 and 11:15. Proposed pubs are The Fox goes Free <https://www.thefoxgoesfree.com/> or the Partridge <https://www.thepartridgeinn.co.uk/>. We will need to book a table for food, so will seek confirmation in the next Newsletter re attendance so we can book a suitable sized table; and also share the proposed walking route.
- **Coming up: Members’ survey.** Following the Group AGM in April, we’ve been working on a short members’ survey to seek feedback on what we are currently doing, whether you are happy with how we are doing it and if you want to suggest things we might want to do in future. This will go out to members either by email (for those of you who receive this Group newsletter by email) or by post, at the end of the summer.

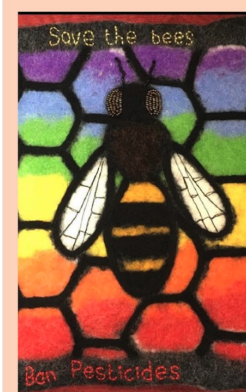
Other events

19-26/06/2023 Refugee Week. Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. It was founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on 20 June.

- The theme for the 25th anniversary Refugee Week 2023 is **Compassion**
- **Resilience in Clay, Chichester Cathedral (12/06/2023 - 31/08/2023)** The exhibition comprises seven sculptural portraits; each of the subjects are connected by the fact that they are building a new life in Chichester, some having found refuge from persecution based on conflict and religious, social and or ethnic discrimination.
- Explore other Refugee Week events near you, here: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/events/>

Festival of Chichester events:

- **22/06/2023** [Talks at Six: Russia and the Global Power contest](#)
- **28/06/2023 - 09/07/2023, on Weds, Thus, Sats & Suns:** [Loving Earth exhibition, The Friends Meeting House.](#) The textile panels made by Quakers highlight the threat to the earth's eco system: they show many of our planet's beautiful animals and plants and the threats they are facing due to human activity around the world. Entry is free



Loving Earth Exhibition
Art for the planet's future!
Quaker Meeting House
Priory Road, PO19 1NX
Sun 25/6, 2/7 & 9/7 1pm - 5
Wed 28/6 & 5/7 1pm - 5
Thurs 29/6, 6/7 late opening 1pm - 7
Sat 1/7, 8/7 10am - 2pm
Free crafting workshop July 2nd 2pm
Event A4 in the Festival Programme
Details eventschiquakers@gmail.com

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Chichester

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Bognor Regis, Chichester & District Group

Saturday 24/06/2023, 10:00 - 17:00: Amnesty UK Annual General Meeting.

- This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held as a hybrid meeting at the Human Rights Action Centre (HRAC) in London at 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. You will also be able to participate remotely.
- Amnesty's AGM offers all members - groups, individuals and networks – their say in Amnesty International UK.
- <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/annual-general-meeting-2023> to apply to attend

Monday 03/07/2023, 12:00 - 14:00 Protest in support of Alaa.

The North Africa Team with support from Beckenham Amnesty Group is planning a public protest **outside the Foreign Office, London**, focusing on Alaa being a British citizen. Please contact me for details if you are interested in attending.

The Amnesty International Secretariat's report on actions by Ukraine's armed forces has now been published and can [be read on the IS website](#) if you get the chance. Amnesty UK has noted that there are important points that the Report makes about process improvements that the IS should make to learn the lessons of that publication, in particular you should see how a clearer chain of review process is recommended, there are recommendations on the future choice of formats for IS publications, and also on adaptations to IS policies on social media usage by senior IS personnel

AIUK Activism Assembly

- Activism Assemblies will be events for all AIUK supporters to come together virtually and in person to meet, discuss and work together to build a more powerful movement. They will be open, inclusive, creative sessions giving all AIUK supporters the opportunity to co-design and plan around specific projects.
- Two events took place in May and [a recording is available](#) if you would like to watch it.

Amnesty Summer Raffle

You could win £5,000 and help individuals at risk at the same time. Tickets are £2.00 per entry and can be bought online: <https://raffle.amnesty.org.uk/>, organised by the Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust.

Online course spotlight: **Combating Gender-based Violence Online.**

- This online course explores how gender-based violence manifests in online spaces and how this impacts on human rights globally.
- This and other free online courses are available through Amnesty Academy: <https://academy.amnesty.org/learn>

Carry on writing!

Bob Dewick, Amnesty

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Amnesty action: campaigns & letter-writing

Egypt update from Margaret, our Campaign Co-ordinator

Alaa Abd El-Fattah Father's Day Action (18 June 2023)

The latest action to appeal for the release of Alaa Abd El-Fattah is timed to coincide with Fathers' Day on 18 June 2023. Alaa's son, Khaled is 11 years old but Alaa has hardly ever been able to spend time with him because he has been imprisoned by successive Egyptian regimes for most of the past decade. Khaled is currently living in the U.K.

Please send your own card or the template message below to Rishi Sunak, reminding him that Alaa has joint Egyptian and UK citizenship and urging him to renew calls to the Egyptian authorities to release him.

- Messages should be addressed to:
Alaa Abd El-Fattah c/o Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA
- Copies to Foreign Office at fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk



**#FathersDay
#FreeAlaa**

To: Alaa Abd El-Fattah
c/o Rishi Sunak

Thinking of you and Khaled on Fathers' Day and hoping that you will soon be free and reunited.

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Action: Morocco: Mohamed Ziane Update

Unfortunately, the appeal by Mohamed Ziane, a human rights lawyer, against his 3 year prison sentence was rejected by the Court of Cassation on 17 May 2023 in spite of a very unfair trial. Amnesty International reports that since then he has not been allowed visits from his main lawyer which is an infringement of his right to a defence.

Please send an email to the Head of Government Aziz Akhannouch c/o ambalondres@maec.gov.ma, appealing for his sentence to be overturned and charges dropped either in your own words or using the template message below.



To: Head of Government Aziz Akhannouch

c/o ambalondres@maec.gov.ma

Your Excellency

I am writing to express my concern on learning that ,since Rabat’s Court of Cassation rejected the appeal of human rights lawyer, **Mohamed Ziane**, on 17 May 2023 and upheld his 3 year prison sentence, he has not been allowed visits from his main lawyer. This is a serious infringement of his right to a defence.

Mohamed Ziane has been detained since November 2022 in Arjat 1 prison after being convicted for 11 unrelated charges in a trial plagued by unfair proceedings. His conviction on bogus charges stems from his work defending activists, journalists, and survivors of human rights abuses. At least six of the 11 charges violate his right to freedom of expression.

I urge you to overturn this decision which seems to be based on trumped up charges in response to his peaceful human rights activism. I also call upon you to amend or repeal all laws which prohibit freedom of expression, including Articles 263,265, 266 and 491 which criminalises consensual sexual relations between adults.

Yours sincerely

Want to do more?

Take Action: Real Lives

Letter-writing changes lives. A letter from you could help free a prisoner, stop an execution or help a bereaved family receive justice. This [edition of Real Lives](#) is produced for those wishing to write more letters in support of individuals at risk. Please let us know if you would like a print version.

Urgent Action Network

When you take action here, you do it as part of a movement of tens of thousands of people across the world, working together to raise our voices, demand justice and make change happen. Please do take action in solidarity with individuals at risk everywhere: <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-actions>

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