

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



July 2023

We have some wonderful fundraising events to feature in this month's fundraising update. From sponsored walks to live comedy and music, we've seen all sorts of fundraisers organised by local groups lately. The Summer really is a great time to hold fundraising events and fortunately there's still a while left! Read on for inspiration for what you could do with your Amnesty group.

Hornsey and Wood Green Amnesty Group's Annual Sponsored Walk

It's been a pleasure to hear about even more groups doing sponsored walks this Summer. The latest group to host a successful walk is the Hornsey and Wood Green Amnesty Group who raised £860 with their recent events. Francine, the group treasurer, got in touch to let us know how the event went:

"The sponsored walk took place on Saturday 13th May, when 12 Group members and supporters walked just over 7 miles through Epping Forest in glorious sunshine, seeing bluebells, woods, meadows, and a lake with lots of baby ducklings. We had a very enjoyable pub lunch at High Beach, and some of us also stopped for afternoon tea at Butler's Retreat, a restored 19th Century barn."



Walkers posing with the local group banner

Sponsored walks like this are great ways to socialising as a group and can help recruit new members. Let us know if you want to organise a walk with your group and we can promote your plans to Amnesty supporters in your area.

Amnesty Cantata performed at Minehead Amnesty Group's Concert and Tea

The Minehead Amnesty Group recently raised over £400 with a concert and tea, where a composition from Emily Feldberg first written to mark Amnesty International's 50th birthday was dusted off and performed to celebrate the Minehead Group's 21st. Susan, a member of the group, spoke to us about the event:

"The event started with the lighting of the Amnesty candle by Chris and Christina Lawson who had started the group in 2002. The Cantata was performed by singers and orchestral players from across West



Cutting the Minehead Group's 21st birthday cake

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Somerset, and it was interspersed with readings by Amnesty members. Letters and solidarity messages give hope to those who are in prison without trial, who are tortured or face the death penalty. As the Cantata says: 'sent by a stranger, letters are noted, letters are seen, they show the world is watching, they show concern is real'.

After the concert everyone enjoyed socialising over tea and birthday cake, and many signed letters to the UK and Indian Governments, and solidarity cards to political prisoners in India. Members of the Minehead Group are very grateful to Emily, the choir and orchestra for the music, to members of St Andrew's church for helping with the venue arrangements and to the audience for their generous donations amounting to over £400."

Get in Touch

Our Community Fundraising and Events team is on hand to help you make your fundraising plans a reality. Get in touch with Richard using the details below to discuss what you want to do and to order free fundraising materials (including collection buckets and card readers!) and help promoting events:

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