

# FUNDRAISING UPDATE



August 2023

This month's fundraising update focuses on one event: the amazing annual day of stand-up comedy organised by the Cardiff Amnesty Group. Regular events like this provide a wonderful platform to raise awareness and campaign on human rights issues in communities across the country...and, of course, they raise vital funds for Amnesty International UK.

## Comedy with a Conscience in Cardiff

We have been delighted to see many groups organise excellent live comedy fundraisers this year. The latest is one of the biggest and a regular event that has been running for several years now. The Cardiff Amnesty Group have organised events in the past focusing on Nazanin and Anoosheh and this year they kept their focus on people being unjustly imprisoned in Iran. Tomos, a member of the Cardiff Group wrote up a summary of this year's event:



The raffle draw taking place on stage

*"Cardiff Amnesty's acclaimed 'Stand Up in the Park' comedy event returned to Sophia Gardens, Cardiff for a fifth year in July, with leading comedians Clint Edwards, Esther Manito, Micky Overman and Daliso Chaponda headlining.*

*"Organised in partnership with Everyman Theatre Cardiff, this powerful "comedy with a conscience" event continued on the theme of previous years in calling for the immediate and unconditional release of British nationals arbitrarily jailed in Iran.*

*"The Group received half of the profits from the event and ran a raffle, fundraising a total of £2,350. There was also the opportunity to raise awareness of the plight of individuals arbitrarily detained in Iran and the Group received over 30 signatures on letters asking the Foreign Secretary to do more to secure their release.*

*"The event's main focus was on Morad Tahbaz and Mehran Raouf, both of whom remain detained in Iran, and the Cardiff Amnesty Group now calls on all members to sign the ongoing petition calling for Morad's release."*

## 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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