

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



November 2023

This month's fundraising update features news of three excellent fundraising events, including a quiz night celebrating 25 years of the Human Rights Act and an evening of music in the home of a supporter that had not been held since the pandemic. Finally, we have a reminder for treasurers to complete the 2023 Financial Return Form. This helps give us a picture of the financial health of Amnesty groups around the country and how best we can support them.

Jazz and Dancing in North London

Hornsey and Wood Green Group held a very successful fundraising evening of jazz, impromptu performances and dancing at the end of September in the Crouch End home and garden of longstanding Group supporter David Robinson. It was the Group's first Music Night in aid of Amnesty International UK since the pandemic and featured the "Time Loves Changes" trio of pianist/vocalist Johnathan Cohen, the acclaimed Alec Dankworth on double bass, and guitar virtuoso Richard Bolton, plus songs and art with Juliet Lawson. More than £1,000 was raised. Guests also learned about Amnesty's work in a short talk by the Group's Chair, Paul Duployen.



Performing under the lights in David's garden

Quizzing in Bournemouth

We love seeing fundraising quizzes! Not only do they raise money, they're also a great way of getting people together for a fun evening where they can hear about the work Amnesty International UK. The Bournemouth Group recently held a successful quiz night marking the 25th anniversary of the passing of the Human Rights Act in the UK and raised £250.

[Read more about the event and get the questions as inspiration for your own quiz events](#)



Quizzers in Bournemouth pose for a group photo

Ely Amnesty Group's Annual Lecture

The Ely Amnesty Group regularly hold lectures in the stunning setting of the Ely Cathedral. Sally, the Ely Group's secretary got in touch to let us know about the latest edition of this wonderful fundraising/awareness raising event:

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“The Ely group held our annual lecture in Ely Cathedral. Dame Sara Thornton spoke on 'Modern Slavery: Hidden in Plain Sight'. It was free but the retiring collection raised £300 and about 100 attended. It was live-streamed and is now on YouTube with over 200 views to date. The Cathedral also hosted 'Sand and Vision', a photographic exhibition by Sahrawi Refugees, for two weeks.”

[Watch the full lecture on YouTube](#)

Financial Return Form

Every year we ask local group treasurers to fill out a form breaking down their income and expenses for the year. This helps give us an idea of how we can best support groups, both with their costs and with their fundraising plans. Please aim to complete this form by 31st March 2024. We will be sending this directly to treasurer's next month in an email.

[Download a PDF of the Financial Return Form](#) / [Fill out an online version of the form](#)

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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