**Amnesty International Blackheath and Greenwich**

**Meeting notes Tuesday 12th March 2024, in the Crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee.**

Meeting Chair - Anne Fitchett

Meeting Notes - David Weekes

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| **1** | **Introductions,** welcome to visitors/new members, apologies for absence, appointing newsletter writer. | **Present:** Anne F, David Wi, Angela, Graham, Illona, David WW, David We.**Apologies for absence:** Jennifer, Rachel, Ann H, Faruk, Ken, Roger.**Meeting Notes for April Meeting:** Anne F. |
| **2** | **Planning.** Jazz fundraising event Mycenae House (MH) 31st May 2024. | Key Points discussed/agreed.* The event will start at 7.30 pm and close at 10.30 pm
* Music will be provided by the Adam Glasser Group who will provide two 40 minute sets starting at 8pm. The band will also provide music for the interval
* There will be an opening address about Amnesty before the first set
* The maximum number of tickets for this event is 120. Illona will check with MH to see if this number should also include AI volunteers.
* The initial proposal was that tickets should be priced at £18 each (with MH taking a 10% booking fee on top of that). After discussion the meeting felt that this was too high, and it was agreed that tickets should be priced at £15 each, (plus the 10% MH booking fee). The MH website currently shows ticket prices as £18. Illona will ask that this be changed to £15.
* We are not sure if sure whether MH has a policy on concession pricing. Illona will check this with MH.
* MH will take 20% of all ticket revenues, so a £15 ticket price will provide us with a net income of £12 per ticket. Our main cost for this event is the £950 fee for the band.

**Publicity.** * We have a draft flyer produced in conjunction with MH.
* DWW will put information about the event on the AIBG website. Once the flyer is ready he will post this onto the website. Graham will do the same with the AIBG facebook page.
* Once the flyer is finalised David Wi will circulate to the group and also arrange for the London AIUK Group to place it on their WhatsApp group.
* We will place copies of the flyer in local shops, libraries etc. MH will also take 200 copies of the flyer.
* We will get the flyer printed A5 size. The amount we have printed will depend upon the cost. Anne F will ask AUIK (Richard Glyn) if AIUK can print these for us.
* Anne F has spoken with Richard Glyn at AIUK and they can provide us with the following support :-
* Provide a collection bucket (although we have collection tins)
* Provide stickers and badges for people making donations
* Provide leaflets explaining what AI does
* Provide a targeted leaflet for the event (which is why we are asking them if they can print the flyer for us)
* Notify by email all Amnesty supporters and members local to the event
* Advertise the event in the April edition of the AIUK Newsletter (Graham will provide information for Anne F to pass to Richard Glyn for the AIUK April Newsletter)
* Provide an official letter of support to potential donors of prizes for the raffle (which will need to mention the South African theme of the concert).Anne F will ask if this is something we need to draft or if AIUK will provide a standard letter.
* Anne F will ask if someone from AIUK will attend the event (possibly someone from the AI South Africa desk if they have one).

 **Food and Refreshments*** These will be provided by MH.

 **Raffle*** Raffle tickets will be sold as people enter the venue and again during the interval
* David Wi will send an e-mail to Faruk about ideas for approaching local businesses for donations
* Illona will approach Fortnum and Masons and nearby bookshops for donation
* We will ask the South Africa Shop to donate

 **Photography at the Event*** We have a photographer (Vincent) who has agreed to do this
* We will need to think about privacy laws. We will mention during the opening address that photographs will be taken

 **Campaign Stall*** This will be run by Angela and Brigitte. Two campaigns are currently being considered.

**Next zoom meeting to discuss Jazz event*** This will take place on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm, assuming Illona has spoken with Mark at MH before then

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| **3** | **Country/regional campaigns** | **Iran*** The compulsory head scarf crackdown continues. AI has collected testimony from 46 people who testify to the draconian nature of the crackdown
* No other country or regional reports this month
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| **4** | **AIUK London Region Group** | * Nothing to report
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| **5** | **Screening of The Mauretanian** | * Anne F reported that we have hit a brick wall for now with this initiative. The manager at Catford cinema tells us that it is not possible to get the rights to show the film. It was agreed to leave this for now as the group has enough on its hands with the MH Jazz event.
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| **6** | **Arrangements for future meetings** | * Care for Calais has expressed an interest in addressing a future group meeting. David Wi will follow up but it was decided not to have any speakers until after the MH Jazz event.
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| **7** | **AOB** | * Graham suggested that the group adopt an Individual at Risk or a campaign. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
* David Wi mentioned the Storyville programme on BBC I-player which investigates surveillance in China
* AI London Region has organised a Human Rights Iftar to which the group is invited. It will take place on Friday 5th April at the Ecology Pavilion, E3 5RP. Details have been circulated by e-mail to the group.
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 **Future Events**

* **Tuesday 26th March.** Letter writing at The Princess of Wales Pub, 1a Montpellier Row, SE3 0RL, 7.30pm
* **Tuesday April 9th.** Next meeting at The Crypt, St Margaret’s Church, Lee Terrace SE13 5DL.7.30 pm.
* **Friday 31st May.** Jazz Concert at Mycenae House 7.30pm.

 **AIBG Contacts**

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| **Position** | **Name** |
| Chair | Anne F |
| Vice-Chair | Brigitte |
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| Treasurer | David We |
| Country Contacts | Various |
| Publicity and Social Media | Jennifer |
| Membership and AIBG Website | David WW and David Wi |
| Letter writing co-ordinator | Brigitte |