

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



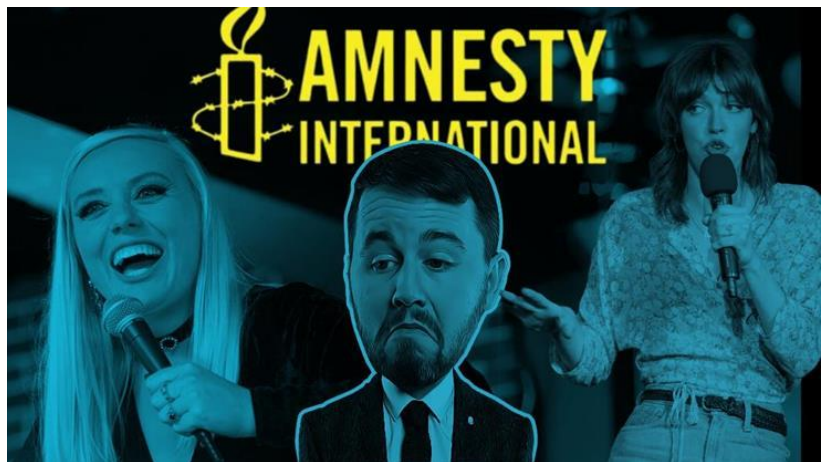
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We were delighted to see the Glasgow West Amnesty Group's evening of stand-up comedy have another successful year! The most successful fundraising events often only get that way after establishing themselves as regular events and this is a great example of that. Read on for more info. on this wonderful event and more fundraising news.

Glasgow West's Stand-Up Comedy Benefit Returns for Another Year

The Glasgow West Amnesty Group recently put on an event that brought in over £2,000 for Amnesty International UK.

The Stand Comedy Club in Glasgow provided their premises free of charge. Likewise, an impressive line-up of comedians also donated their time to the Amnesty cause. It's these sorts of relationships that make events like this so we'd like to extend our thanks to both the Stand and the amazing group of comics who gave their time for free. So thank you Jade Kelly, Jay Lynch, Marc Jennings, Rachel Jackson and Stephen Buchanan!



Ticket sales raised over £1,600, which went directly to the Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust. In addition, £440 was raised via a raffle and donations to support the Glasgow West Amnesty Group's local campaigning and expenses. We love to see events support both the work of the Amnesty International UK office supporting campaigning and human rights research in the UK and all over the world as well as supporting important the local activism of Amnesty Groups.

Glasgow West AI Chairperson, Claire said:

"This is a wonderful event, combining a fun night out with raising awareness of Amnesty's work and funding to support our activities. We have already agreed a date with The Stand Comedy Club to repeat this hugely successful event early in 2025."

Local Group Fundraiser Starts Regular Fundraising Dance Event

Sue Bingham of the Reading Amnesty Group recently started a regular fundraising event where she gets together with friends and fellow dance enthusiasts to raise money for important causes. Sue got in touch to tell us about this wonderful new initiative:

"I am a baby-boomer, brought up dancing with my sisters from an early age in our sitting room to Motown, Northern Soul, the Beatles and the Stones on our beloved Dansette record player. I have never stopped loving dancing but the thought of going to a sticky-floored night club till the early hours now fills me with dread. I'm tucked up in bed long before they even open. I eagerly look forward to the rare birthday party or wedding disco but they often end in disappointment because it's just not the right music for me. So in 2022, after

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surviving cancer and Covid, I decided to stop moaning about never having the chance to dance, and do something about it.

“Chance2dance4charity was born. About twice a year, at the local village hall, anyone who wants to can just come and dance their hearts out for a joyful couple of hours. My dance teacher provides the music (with all my favourite songs, of course) and does a couple of short taster routines, e.g. cha cha cha, paso doble, jive, salsa etc to get everyone on their feet. Not that we need any encouragement to boogie on down! And we’re all safely back home in our slippers in time for the 10 o’clock news.

“It’s only £8 on the door (online with small booking fee) so very accessible and you can bring your own food/drink as there are no refreshments on sale. Which means no queues at the bar for overpriced drinks! All proceeds are split between Amnesty International and a different local charity each time. We raise about £80 - £100 for each charity at every event.”

If you’re interested in coming along to the next edition of Chance2Dance4Charity then you can [book your tickets here](#).

Local Group Financial Return Form

We ask all groups to fill out a Financial Return Form by **31 March** to help give us an idea of the financial health of groups and how best we can support them. Thank you to everyone who has filled out one of these forms already – it’s been very useful to read through them all. For those that haven’t, you can request a hardcopy by contacting us using the details below or you can use one of the links below to access the form online.

[Download a PDF of the Financial Return Form](#)
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Support for your Fundraising

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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