

**Manchester Amnesty International Group**  
**Annual General Meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7pm. Online meeting.**

**Minutes**

**Present: 18 members** Hazel Errey, Alison Wearden, Sean Dunne, Rebecca Shaw, Anne Walker, Kathryn Fletcher, Fatih Segmen, Mike Reed, Zoe Song, Lima Al-iskalachi, Danny Jones, Umbareen Siddiqi, Sara Baptista, Joanna Hill, Sandra Dutson, Hannah Carr, Mustafa Alachkar, Margaret Calvert.

**Apologies:** Steve Roman, Caroline Glendenning, Mohibur Miah, Mary Gibbs

**Minutes of the last AGM (13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023).**

With a minor amendment noted, these were accepted as a true record.

**Election of Officers**

The constitution requires 4 officers: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer. As agreed at last year's AGM, the Secretary role is currently split in to Communications Secretary and Membership Secretary. All those in post during 2023-4 were willing to continue and no new nominations for the posts had been received or were forthcoming at the meeting. The following were duly elected unanimously:

Officers	2024-5	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chair	Hazel Errey	Rebecca Shaw	Sean Dunne
Vice-chair	Rebecca Shaw	Alison Wearden	Sean Dunne
Communications Secretary	Alison Wearden	Mike Reed	Sara Baptista
Treasurer	Sean Dunne	Mike Reed	Rebecca Shaw
Membership Secretary	Anne Walker	Zoe Song	Kathryn Fletcher

Hazel Errey gave notice that she wishes to step down as chair at the 2025 AGM

**Treasurer's report**

Sean Dunne's treasurer's report (which had been circulated with the meeting agenda) was presented and accepted by the group.

Jo Hill and Mike Reed proposed a vote of thanks for all the work done by officers, which was unanimously agreed.

**Review of the Year**

Alison Wearden presented a review of our many activities over the last year. Thanks to all those who took part in our activities last year, as well as to our social media leads, Steve Lindsay (X), Sara Baptista (Instagram) and Anne Walker (Facebook). A copy of the Annual Review presentation can be found on our website.

**Campaign Planning and coordinators roles**

Hazel Errey presented the priorities contained in the AIUK priority campaign document and this was noted.

Anne Walker wants to step down from her role as organiser of Individuals Risk bi-monthly drop-ins and the annual Write for Rights campaign. No one at the meeting wanted to take the role on, so we agreed to advertise it in the Weekly Action and Newsletter (WAN).

We agreed to advertise for a coordinator for Human Rights in the UK, and for a Facebook Lead. Iona Bruce expressed an interest in the Human Rights in the UK role after the meeting.

We do not have a fundraising lead, but decided to seek one, and to advertise this role in the WAN. Mike Reed suggested that writing to our members individually might be a good way to raise funds.

The following campaign priorities and leads were agreed:

Campaigns	Comments	Lead
Israeli Apartheid Campaign/ response to current conflict	Mike would be grateful for help with this.	Mike Reed
UAE (including Mohamed Al-Roken, Ahmed Mansoor)	To continue case work and other work	Kathryn Fletcher
Anti-racism/Racial justice	Subgroup work will continue	Hazel Errey/ Umbareen Siddiqi
Press freedom/Julian Assange	Subgroup work will continue	Lima Al-Iskalachi Danny Jones
Refugee Rights	The work will be managed via a whatsapp group	Alison Wearden Kathryn Fletcher, Caroline Glendenning Fatih Segmen Iona Bruce
Craftivism		Lima Al-iskalachi
Individuals at risk	Bimonthly letter writing sessions and Write for Rights	vacancy
Human Rights in the UK	Iona Bruce volunteered after the meeting	Iona Bruce
MP co-ordinator	Please email Rebecca with information about correspondence with MPs	Rebecca Shaw
Europe (i.e. Turkey+)	To continue to receive and communicate information from AIUK	Fatih Segmen
Women's rights (watching brief only)		Mary Gibbs
LGBTQ+ including Pride (otherwise watching brief)		Zoe Song
Children's Rights (watching brief only)		Fatih Segmen or Alison Wearden

It was noted members may incur expenses (e.g. for materials) in the course of their campaigning activities. It is important that our expenditure on campaigns remains transparent. We would therefore ask members to 1) clear expenses with the group before incurring them and 2) claim back any monies they have spent. It is always possible to make donations to the group, but this should be done separately from expenditure on campaigns.

Group Meetings for the forthcoming year will take place on the second Monday of each month  
 Online zoom meetings all at 7pm in May, September, November, January 2025, March 2025  
 Face-to-face meetings all at 6pm in April, June, July, August, October, December, February 2025.  
 Face to face meetings at Manchester Central Library except for October's, venue to be confirmed.

Alison Wearden  
 Secretary  
 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023