**Amnesty International Blackheath and Greenwich**

Monthly Meeting Notes

**Tuesday 14 May 2024, in the crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee**

Meeting chair: Anne F. Note-taker: Graham. Refreshments: Illona

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| **1** | **Introductions**, welcome to visitors / new members, apologies for absences, | No introductions needed.  **Present:** Amanda, Angela, Anne F, Ann H, Brigitte, David Wi, Graham, Illona, Jennifer, Ken, Rachel,  **Apologies for absence:** David We |
| **2** | **Planning - Jazz fundraising event at Mycenae House**, May 2024 (Brigitte, Angela, Graham, Illona, Anne F, David Wi) | **Tickets:**  Illona reported that Mycenae House (MH) initially releases 80 tickets out of 120. This means that when the site shows 24 full price and 16 concession available, only40 tickets have been sold!  **Decisions/reports:**  The ***timings*** shown in the agenda were confirmed. Anne F agreed to be MC at the beginning.  David confirmed that Vincent will do the ***photography***.  Angela and Brigitte have agreed that the ***campaign*** will be “FREE CHOW HANG-TUNG”.  If full price seats sell out, unsold ***concession tickets*** will be made available at full price.  Eight of the ***AIBG members*** present intend to go to the concert to help. It was left to individual choice whether to buy tickets. We should arrive at Mycenae House by 6pm on the day.  Anne F reported that ***publicity*** for the concert will appear in the AIUK Local Group newsletter on the 19 May. It is in the summer Amnesty magazine. Ann H and Illona distributed posters and flyers for use in local areas.  Illona reported that ***Food & refreshments***  at Mycenae house includedsalads and sandwiches with vegan options.  Brigitte has purchased the ***Raffle*** tickets and it was decided that these will sell for £3 for strip of 5, £5 for 2 strips.  Illona reported that the Ivy have not confirmed a prize but she does have a promise of flowers and wine (Brigitte). Angela & Graham have visited the South African shop who donated a gift pack. David Wi agreed to present the raffle prizes at the end of the evening.  Anne reported that she had two ***Zettle*** machines for seat and raffle sales on the evening.  **Actions:**  Illona to arrange time for the campaign team to visit MH to explore requirements (table, position etc)  Angela, Brigitte will prepare display and letter in advance.  Graham will pick up display board and AI collecting tins from Rachel’s garage.  Amanda suggested having a printed programme. Graham to draft to include campaign details and acknowledgements of prize donors.  Rachel to print programme when it has been finalised.  Jennifer to place reminders on social media. |
| **3** | **Country/reginal campaigns** - updates from country contacts | WEST&CENTRAL AFRICA Anne F, no report received.  EUROPE Brigitte. No report received.  CHINA, Angela. Our campaign focus will be Free Chow Hang-Tung, the human rights defender, jailed for remembering the victims of the Tiananmen crackdown. Letters for signatures will be written. The meeting agreed that the date was too close to our jazz event to organise a group vigil next to the cherry tree in Maryon Wilson park this year. AIUK is organising a protest on June 2 in Parliament Square.  IRAN, Graham. On the 1 May, International Workers Day, campaigners from Amnesty International UK projected an appeal to Rishi Sunak over the case of Mehran Raoof, a British/Iranian trade union activist jailed in Iran onto a building in London’s iconic Southbank complex. |
| **4** | AIUK (standing item)  -London Region Group meetings (Anne F, David Wi)  Second London regional co-ordinator | No news to report. |
| **5** | **Screening of “The Mauritanian”** (Anne F, Rachel) | Now freely available on Netflix and decision taken that this should no longer be a standing item. |
| **6** | **Arrangements for future** **meetings**  Other speakers and guests – | TBC |
| **7** | **AOB** | Due to members being on holiday, June monthly meeting will be combined with letter writing on 25 June. |

**FUTURE EVENTS**

* **Tuesday 28 May 2024 7.30pm**- Jazz last minute planning meeting The Princess of Wales, Blackheath SE3
* **Friday 31 May 2024 7.00pm** Jazz Concert at Mycenae House
* Tuesday 25 June 2024, 7.30pm AIBG Monthly Meeting at The Princess of Wales, Blackheath SE3

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| **AIBG CONTACTS** | |
| **Position** | **Name** |
| Chair | Anne F |
| Vice-Chair | Brigitte |
| Secretary (enquiries contact) | David Wi |
| Treasurer | David We |
| Country Contacts |  |
| Publicity & Social Media | Jennifer |
| Membership & AIBG Website | David WW & David Wi |
| Letter writing co-ordinator | Brigitte |
| Note writer / provider of meeting refreshments | **To be rotated between all members of the group.** |