



## Minutes of [Amnesty International Reading Group](#) Meeting

Thursday 9th May 2024

Chair: Anne McFarlane

This meeting was held via Zoom.

### Welcome and introductions

8 people joined the meeting tonight: Anne, Helen, Sue, Hilary, Ruth, Bexelyn, Michael, Vicky

- Apologies - Iona, Liz, Durga

### Amnesty Futures:

- Discussion of Amnesty Futures Objectives, and to agree whether the Group would wish to be a signatory of the document.
  - discussion on how AIUK has changed, what we feel has been lost or gained, how the landscape for campaigning has altered over the years, how we didn't used to be allowed to campaign on our own national issues, how the IS has a more delegated structure, are the campaigning costs better value for money by doing more online, rather than supporting groups?
  - we did all agree to put our names to the document
  - we will discuss this ongoingly, as will feature in our dialogue about National AGM as many motions are related to Amnesty Futures.

### Updates on:

- South Midlands leaders' catch up
  - Anne shared thinking from other groups and felt we were doing well!
  - mentioned how other groups have less speaker meetings than us, so might we alternate in the future?
- Hong Kong campaign
  - petition agreed and widely circulated
  - notes sent to group members with campaign details
  - event by Reading HKers - see below
  - campaign to feature at Waterfest, WOMAD and be the subject of our International Festival
    - discussion around other actions we could take over the year - a photo action?

### Confirmed Future Events:

- Chance2Dance4Charity – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - BOOKED
- Waterfest – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June - BOOKED
- WOMAD - 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, Malmesbury - BOOKED
- Reading Pride – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August - AGREED
- Mulled Wine & Music – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - BOOKED

#### Events by Reading Hong Kongers

- She's in Jail - Saturday 24th May - details and tickets - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSwcnJ48XuJzVL2WUoGLO6uLSadthATYeLGjuKaz6rGvZJug/viewform>
- Tianamen Square commemoration - Sunday 2nd June, Palmer Park, time TBC

#### AoB & monthly meeting schedule

**Next meeting: Thursday 13th June 2024**

**update from campaign and country coordinators plus Group AGM**