**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BLACKHEATH & GREENWICH GROUP**

**Group Monthly Meeting Notes**

**Tuesday 14th January 2025, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Location: Crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee Terrace, London SE13 5DL**

 **Meeting notes and refreshments: Brigitte**

1. Introductions, welcome to new member: Teresa - Present: David Wi, David We, Daivd WW, Angela, Graham, Rachel, Amanda, Jennifer, Illona, Tatum, Anne, Brigitte. Apologies: Roger, Ann H.

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1. . AGM

A) Minutes of 2024 AGM: Accepted

B) Chair’s Report: Accepted

C) Treasurer’s Report: Accepted (excellent suggestions for cost savings by Rachel and David We to be discussed at next meeting)

D) Election of Chair: Brigitte

E)Election of Vicechair: Illona

F) Election of Treasurer: David We

G) Election of Secretary: Anne F

H) Appointments to other Roles:

Social Media Coordinator: Teresa

Country contacts: Graham: Iran, Angela: China, Brigitte: Europe, Roger: Mexico and Central America

Membership and Website Manager: DAVID WW

London Region Rep: Amanda

Letter Writing Coordinator: Brigitte

Monthly Meeting Coordinator and Refreshment Provider: rotating: Graham Brigitte, David Wi David WW

3. Fundraising event 2025. (Graham, Brigitte, All) possible locations:

 Negative: The Rivoli (not this year but maybe in the future). Blackheath Halls (too expensive) The Fox & Firkin (never on a Friday)

 Several other locations were investigated see below

Pixaudio (Melanie) looks

 promising, needs to be visited Illona suggested Greenwich Theatre-she will visit, several others awaiting assessment (David W, David WW, Amanda)

Band: other than the Youth Sayers: Tatum suggested her university band called ‘Something or Other’ which plays mainly rock: needs to be checked The

1. AIUK’s Amplify Human Rights Festival (Sat 7th Dec) – feedback: the event was very successful except for presence as a group with our Write for Rights campaign (we were shut away to a side corridor which was closed for some of the time): Amanda to discuss this with Graham Bisset at the next London Region meeting on Jan 22.
2. Country/regional campaigns – updates from Country Contacts:

Graham on Iran 10 death sentences carried out and at least 6 threatened – a letter offered and to be brought to letter writing.

 Angela on China: the China and East Asia team will host another series of IFTARs at the East London mosque to promote global solidarity of pressing human rights facing the Uyghurs during Feb 28 and March 29.

Roger: Mexico and Central America: (see below)

Brigitte: Europe ( see below)

1. AIUK (standing item)
* London Region Group meeting on Jan 22 , Petition to delay sale of Human Rights Center to be discussed
* Letter from Watford Amnesty group asking us to support the call for an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting): accepted after discussion as to the the resolutions to be considered. These centered around the implied failure of the Board to promote activism, failure to organise the 2024 National Conference and failure to consult the full membership on the decision to sell the Human Rights Center.
* Richard Crossfield resigned from AIUK in a letter.
1. Arrangements for future meetings (Al
2. AOB

**FUTURE EVENTS**

* **Tuesday 28th January: Letter writing**

Location: The Princess of Wales 1a Montpelier Row Blackheath SE3 0RL.

Time: 7.30pm

* **Speakers / events:**
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| **AIBG CONTACTS** |
| **Position**  | **Name**  |
| Chair  | Brigitte |
| Vice-Chair | Illona |
| Secretary (enquiries contact) | Anne F |
| Treasurer | David We |
| Country Contacts | China - Angela, Graham - Iran, Europe - Brigitte, Roger - Central America |
| Publicity & Social Media | Teresa |
| Membership & AIBG Website | David W |
| Letter writing co-ordinator | Brigitte |
| Meeting notes writer / provider of meeting refreshments | Rotated between Graham, Brigitte, David Wi, David WW |

**Fundraising event 2025**

Location options

* Amersham Arms Pub New Cross SE14 6TY
* The Ivy House pub Nunhead SE15 3BE
* The Rivoli Ballroom SE4 2BY
* St Catherine’s Church Telegraph Hill SE14 5SG
* The Fox and Firkin pub Lewisham SE13 6JZ
* Blackheath Halls
* The Greenwich Theatre

Key requirements:

* Cost of hire
* What sound facilities could they provide?
* Do they have their own sound engineer?
* Would they help with publicity?
* Who would sell the tickets?
* What percentage of the tickets would they take?
* Facilities available (eg bar/food)
* Is there parking nearby?
* Is it easy to get to by public transport?