**Amnesty International Blackheath & Greenwich Group**

**Meeting Notes from Group Meeting**

**held on Tuesday 8th April 2025, 7.30pm -9.00pm**

**at Crypt of St Margaret’s Church, Lee Terrace, SE13 5DL**

1. **Attendees** – Brigitte, Anne F, Graham, Angela, David Wi Anita, David WW

**Apologies** – Illona, Rachel, Jennifer, Amanda

**Note taker: Brigitte,** Note Taker for next meeting – not decided

1. **Fundraising event 2025**

*The following details have now been confirmed:*

* Venue: Pixaudio, Unit 24, 53 Norman Road, Greenwich Centre Business Park SE10 9QF

(Seating capacity: 160)

* Date: Friday 30th May 2025
* Performance by: Youthsayers

*Other details:*

* Times: tbc, but likely to be:

7pm: doors open

7.30pm – 8.10pm: 1st session

8.10pm – 8.40pm: interval

8.40pm – 9.20pm: 2nd session

9.20pm – 9.50pm: raffle

10pm: doors close

* Tickets available through: Eventbrite**: Anne to confirm with Leonardo**
* Ticket prices: Standard £15 / Concessions (low income) £12
* Food / refreshments: Pixaudio
* Publicity: AIBG/Pixaudio

 *Specific jobs/tasks for the lead-up and on the night:*

 Sale of tickets on door: Graham + one other

 Campaign stall: Brigitte,Angela

 Raffle: Illona to lead, but supported by others

 Raffle tickets: David Wi,

 Providing directions from Greenwich mainline / DLR station: Tatum, Anne F

 Raffle prize announcer: Tatum

 Welcome / MC: Brigitte, Anne F

 Clear up at end: All,

 *Next steps:*

* Check if Pixaudio will organize ticketing on Eventbrite (Anne F)
* Publicity: Graham’s poster/leaflet with Eventbrite contact to be put on social media and leaflets (how many?) to be printed

**3. Country/regional Campaigns:**

 **Angela** (China):**Good News**: activist Wang Jian-bing released and compensated for over 3 years ’wrongful

 detention re METOO movement.

 After 40 Uyghurs were forcibly returned from Thailand to China in February

 the case of 5 still threatened with extradition could be our campaign issue for the concert,

 Also: case of 2 Britans still in prison in Afghanistan.

 **Graham**: (Iran) Sharifeh Mohammadi: We sent letters last September – in October the Supreme Court overturned

 her conviction and death sentence but in December a retrial took place and she wase **sentenced to death**

 **a second time**. A letter will be ready for next letter writing

 **Roger** (Mexico and Central America) **Good News from Mexico**: Case against 3 women human rights defenders

 dismissed in January!

 Roger sent out news about disappearance of a human rights defender and her husband and asked people to

 send an email as the dead line is April 16th! But we can still send a letter (as a copy) to the Mexican Embassy at

 the next letter writing.

 **Guatemala:** Journalist Jose Ruben sent back to jail.

 **El Salvador**; Urgent Action letter to be prepared about Fidel Savala, Ivania Cruz, arbitrarily detained by the

 authorities and arrest of 20 communities leaders. Again: email to President and letter as copy to the embassy.

1. **AIUK (standing item)**
* London Group meetings (Amanda) –unable t attend online meeting on 26 March
* Graham Bisset has applied for funding for a London Region Gathering
1. **AIUK mailings**

*Our AGM resolution was returned with criticism of the wording, could not be amended by the deadline and has failed..*

1. **Letter writing:** letters in packs rather than individual rejected but costs involved demand that we reduce the number of letters and concentrate on sending letters to embassies. Also:**hand written addresses on envelopes to be tried as** it is more personal.
2. **Upcoming AIUK events**

AIUK : AGM and Amplify conference: Brigitte to attend as group rep, Anita may be able to attend for a day

1. **Arrangements for future meetings, other speakers and guests**
* Richard Wild, lecturer on criminology at Greenwich University and standing for membership of an AIUK
* To be postponed till after the concert
* Anne F to contact Amika George, AIUK’s new activism rep

**AOB**

**Tuesday 22nd April 2025: Letter writing**

Location: The Princess of Wales 1a Montpelier Row Blackheath SE3 0RL. Time: 7.30pm

***AIBG CONTACTS***

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