**Amnesty International Blackheath and Greenwich**

Monthly Meeting Notes

**Tuesday 13 May 2025, in the crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee**

Meeting chair: Brigitte. Note-taker: Graham. Refreshments: Angela

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| **1** | **Introductions**, welcome to visitors / new members, apologies for absences, Note taker for next meeting | **Present:** Amanda, Angela, Anne F, Brigitte, Graham, Illona Jennifer, Tatum,  **Apologies for absence:** Anita, Ann H, David We, David Wi, Rachel  **Next note taker: TBA** |
| **2** | Fundraising Event 2025: Jazz Concert | * The group: Youthsayers. Venue: PixAudio, * Timings as set out in the agenda for the meeting were all confirmed. Ticketing: EventBrite, Sales to date have been slow. * Musicians’ refreshments: Graham agreed to contact Robin, Youthsayers manager about their numbers and requirements. Illona volunteered to help with purchasing. * Publicity: It is on EventBrite and Yoothsayers website and has been posted on our group’s AI Facebook. Anne is placing a half-page add in the South London Press paper edition 23 May. Several members have placed it on community social media. * Raffle: Illona has procured 5 prizes and Anne has added 4 prizes of Pilates lessons. There is still space for more! Brigitte has raffle tickets. * Campaign Stall: the AIUK campaign, Shell in the Niger Delta was adopted as our campaign for the concert. Brigitte will contact AIUK about a possible letter and will team with Angela in preparing the stall. * Recording the event: Vincent has again kindly volunteered to photograph the event. Anne will ask PixAudio for details about their filming offer. Brigitte has a photo/film offer by a friend on standby. * Tasks on the Night: Tatum has offered to welcome & direct at Greenwich station. Brigitte will retrieve tabards from Rachel’s garage. Graham will accept and sell tickets at the door. **Additional person needed** plus Zettle. Amanda has offered to help with clearing up. All of these tasks **need additional help.** |
| **3** | Country/regional campaigns – updates from Country Contacts | * Central America: Roger has circulated the report to the group. * China: Angela No update. * Europe: Brigitte has circulated the report to the group. * Iran: Graham reported briefly on three prisoners in Urumieh Central Prison under grave threat of having fingers amputated. A letter will be prepared. |
| **4** | AIUK (Standing Item) | * London Group Meeting: Amanda No report * Update from Graham Bisset, Anne has circulated this to the group |
| **5** | Letter Writing | Cancelled for this month. |
| **6** | Upcoming AIUK Events | Carried forward |
| **7** | Arrangements for future meetings | Carried forward |
| **8** | **Feedback on Shell Event.** | Brigitte attended the AIUK protest outside the Royal Courts of Justice and will contact the organiser to get more info for the concert campaign desk. |
| **9** | Offer of filming jazz evening (Brigitte) | Dealt with under item 2 . |
| **10** | AOB | Angela forwarded announcement of AIUK Tiananmen Square Vigil on June 4 outside the Chinese embassy from 8pm to 10 pm. Amanda volunteered to attend for group. |

**FUTURE EVENTS**

* **Jazz Concert with Youthsayers at PixAudio Greenwich 30 May 7.70 pm.**
* **Tuesday 10th June 2025: Monthly Meeting**

Location: Crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee Terrace, London SE13 5DL Time:7:30pm

* **Tuesday 24th June 2025: Letter writing**

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

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