

# BANBURY AREA GROUP AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



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We are ordinary people, who live in and around Banbury, who stand up for humanity and human rights. Our purpose is to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness and truth are denied.

We meet on the third Monday of each month except August. You are very welcome to join us. Sign up for email updates via the website.

As a global movement of over ten million people, Amnesty International is the world's largest grassroots human rights organisation.

## Current Campaigns

### Meeting our MP

Together with our colleagues from the Chipping Norton group, four of our members recently met with our MP Sean Woodcock. It was a constructive first meeting with a lot of ground covered in the brief time available.

The three main topics of discussion were the rights of refugees and asylum seekers, the rights of women and girls, and the human rights violations in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT).

The lack of safe routes for refugees and asylum seekers was discussed along with the continued use of immigration detention facilities including the reopening of the nearby Campsfield Centre.



*Members of Banbury Area and Chipping Norton Groups meeting with local MP Sean Woodcock*

Group members asked if the Government could undertake some practical action to reduce the widespread attack on women's human rights, in particular the gender persecution in Afghanistan, Iran and violence against women and girls as a weapon of war.

Sean was asked what practical steps the UK Government is taking to prevent the [genocide](#) that is taking place in Gaza. The Government was urged to do more to limit arms sales to Israel and provide a tougher response to the Israeli Government's restriction on humanitarian aid allowed into Gaza.

He was asked to convey the Groups' specific concerns to the relevant Government ministers. It is hoped that further regular meetings can take place.



## Film Night

We had another successful film night captivated by the Oscar winning documentary *No Other Land*, which depicts the harassment and violence faced by Palestinian settlements in the West Bank between 2019 to 2023.

We were grateful to Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley who shared some of her first-hand experiences of conditions in the West Bank.

We followed the documentary with a call to the Israeli Prime Minister to end the genocide in Gaza. You can take action [here](#).

## Campaign to ban Israeli Settlement Goods

We will be asking our MP to publicly call for a UK ban on the importation of Israeli Settlement Goods by signing the recently introduced [Early Day Motion 1266](#). You can also call on your MP to sign the EDM. Find out who is your MP [here](#). The more people engaged in this campaign, the more pressure we can build on them to act.



*Ian Myson introducing the documentary No Other Land*

## Forthcoming Events

### Summer Fete 13 September

We are holding our legendary annual Summer Fete on Saturday 13 September at the Roebuck Inn (the former pub) in North Newington. It will be the familiar friendly afternoon of stalls, cakes/teas, music, children's activities and awareness raising of specific human rights cases.

### Canal Festival 4 & 5 October

The group are proud to take part in Banbury's hugely popular Canal Festival again this October. The festival highlights the diversity of the area with a wide array of organisations, events, displays, exhibitions and performances. Come along for a chat and say hello!

### Get Involved

*If you would like to get involved and help take action on Amnesty campaigns, advocating to our MP, building links with local organisations, increasing public awareness of human rights issues, fundraising, being visible in the community by attending mass participation events and through local media please email [ian\\_myson@hotmail.com](mailto:ian_myson@hotmail.com)*

### GROUP ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Banbury Amnesty Group invites supporters to pay a voluntary annual sub of £15. If you would like to contribute to Group funds to cover inevitable costs of venue hire, postage etc (with surpluses remitted to Amnesty UK) the easiest way to do this is via online transfer:

*Account name: Banbury Area Amnesty International*

*Account number: 73585709*

*Sort code: 090155*

Please include your surname in the reference so that Ed, our Treasurer, can keep track of things

**"INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE."**

*Martin Luther King, African-American civil rights activist*