

# FUNDRAISING UPDATE



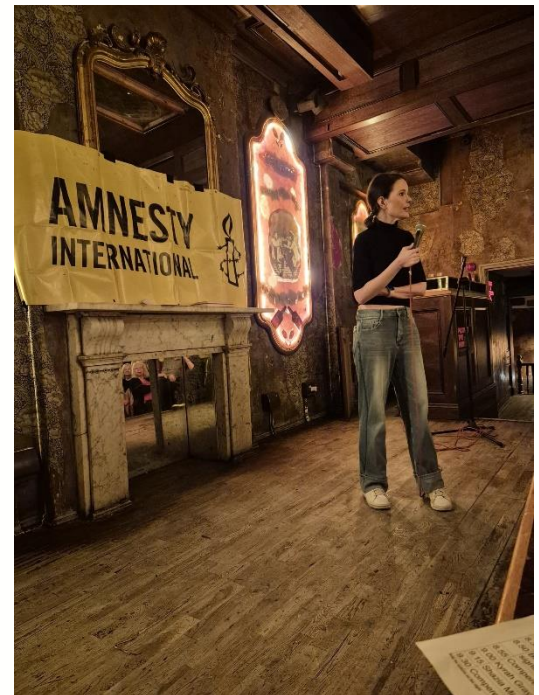
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This month we have news of three successful regular events that raising nearly £3000 between them – read on to find out how. There is also a reminder to prepare your 2025 financial returns when you're able – treasurers, please keep an eye out for a dedicated communication on this.

## Night of Comedy in North London

The Islington and Hackney Amnesty Group have an impressive track record organising comedy nights, so we were delighted to hear they held their latest last month. Martin Lunnon, the group treasurer, got in touch to let us know how it went:

*"Islington and Hackney Amnesty Group held their (almost) annual comedy night on Monday 24th November. As the next day is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, we had an all-female line-up, and partnered with the Amnesty UK Feminists to deliver a human rights message about how the UK government should support human rights for women in Afghanistan. Six comedians delivered a fantastic evening of humour and music, and we raised £1,300 from ticket sales and a raffle. We're very lucky to have built a relationship over the years with a good local venue which allows us to use a great room for free. A team of five organised the event, with more helping on the night - many thanks to them, the comedians, the venue, and all who bought tickets."*



Quite a few Amnesty groups organise comedy nights – they really are the perfect fundraiser! They don't have the complicated tech requirements that live music events often have but the fundraising potential is just as high. They also act as wonderful advertisements for the organising group. Let us know if you're interested in planning a live comedy evening with your group.

## Quizzing in Norwich and Ely

From one regular fundraising event to another! This time it's the turn of the Norwich Group whose annual Quiz and Dips event continues to go from strength to strength. Group treasurer David Ford got in touch to let us know how it went:

*"On Saturday 22nd November we held our annual Quiz and Dips fundraiser. It is always popular, and we've been running this event for*

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*some years now. This year we raised £1,140.86 beating last year's total by £22! During the evening we also run a produce stall, a raffle and the wonderful heads and tails game. All round, a splendid fun packed evening always enjoyed by everyone who takes part."*

It's always easier to have success with events that happen on a regular basis as these events show. If your group had a one-off event that went well this year, consider making it a regular thing.

This wasn't the only regular quiz event this last month – the Ely group also held another edition of their annual quiz that was also a big success! Sally MacEachern, the group secretary, told about the night:



*"I'm pleased to report that this year's quiz went off very well and we made £441 (which is £130 more than last year). We held it after hours in Ely's famous Peacocks Tearoom ([www.peacockstearoom.co.uk](http://www.peacockstearoom.co.uk)). George Peacock and family joined one of the quiz teams. Our MP Charlotte Cane had intended to come but sadly wasn't feeling well. However, Charlotte's Crew were the winners and so received a box of Amnesty goodies. Attendees were very generous with their raffle ticket purchases (much more so than last year!)"*

## Financial Return Forms

Every year we ask local groups to produce a short summary of their accounts. We will be sending treasurers an email about this shortly – please keep your eyes peeled for this. If you'd like to complete yours early, you can find PDF and digital versions of the form below:

[Download a PDF of the Financial Return Form](#)

[Fill out the Financial Return Form online](#)

## Support for your Fundraising

Our Community Fundraising and Events team is on hand to help you make your fundraising plans a reality. Get in touch with Richard using the details below to discuss what you want to do and to order free fundraising materials (including collection buckets and card readers!) and help promoting events:

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