



WANDSWORTH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP

next meets at
 The Exhibit

WEDNESDAY 11 JULY

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Our headline discussion will come from Paul who will talk about why migrant domestic workers face the threat of slavery due to changes to the UK's immigration rules. We will be looking at

- planning for future events [overleaf]
- the possibility of putting on a Film Night [see list attached]
- challenging on-going abuses in the criminal justice system in Myanmar
- update on Middle East and North Africa
- update from Shell AGM
- our website – what content do we want?

THE BANANA SHOOTOUT AND THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

Today 50 volunteers of [Amnesty London](#) organised a banana shoot-out in the middle of Parliament Square.

Why a Banana shoot-out? Because there are international treaties regulating the sale of bananas but not for the trade of arms. In July, after year of delays and hesitations, governments will finally meet at the United Nations to negotiate an Arms Trade Treaty.

With a series of creative actions, Amnesty campaigners want to put pressure on David Cameron to make sure he takes a strong stand on this issue. To raise awareness, Amnesty's campaign is reminding us all of this chilling statistic: 1 person dies every minute from armed violence, and in that same minute, 15 new weapons are manufactured...

But standing in the way of a robust arms treaty remains the question of how the top five countries profiting from the arms trade (USA, UK, France, Russia, and China), which are permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, are going to behave during these negotiations.



We reproduce here Amnesty's report on the activity in Parliament Square on Saturday 16 June
 To see a video of the day click here: <http://bit.ly/KQ83Vw>

To make a difference for millions of people threatened by this treaty will need to be both all inclusive (include not only weapons but also transfers and transactions) and enforceable (monitoring compliance and bringing possible sanctions).

If you want to get involved on this issue and make your voice heard, you can [sign the petition](#), contact your local MP etc.

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QUIZ NITE

We like to hold this fun fundraiser once a year. As to dates, it looks like Thursday 27 September should go in your diary now. The Exhibit provides quiz space free of charge but expects a minimum spend level of £200 through the bar and food.

We need organisers and raffle prizes.

Would you like to help with this event?

Contact Sara at
wandsworthai@yahoo.co.uk

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EMBASSY CRAWL

Each year the Wandsworth Group organises a walk with a difference. We call on embassies featured in a current Amnesty campaign – so, for example, last year we went to the embassies of countries involved in the Arab Spring. I can also recommend the walk as an afternoon's good, healthy exercise around London's interesting embassy quarter and across the capital's green, open spaces. There is always a tea stop on route – usually by the Serpentine. As to dates, it looks like Saturday 6 October.

Would you like to help with this event?

Contact Jon at
j.leyshon@btinternet.com

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FILM NITE

The Exhibit has a small cinema and Tudor has a huge collection of DVDs which we can take advantage of. Please see the list attached and pick your Top Five so we can come to a decision on what we might want to show.

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WEBSITE

[http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/
groups/wandsworth](http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/groups/wandsworth)

Please take a look at our website and tell us what you think about the content and layout and so on.

THANKS to all those who have signed up - and made a donation. If you haven't yet, please see the membership form below.

THE EXHIBIT

12 BALHAM STATION ROAD

Northern Line tube / 2 rail stops from Clapham Junction /
249, 315, 155 and 355 buses / just by the entrance to Sainsbury's car park

Head up the stairs to the 1st floor for our meeting place at the side of the restaurant – unless we have been elevated to the space by the cinema on the next floor up!

Wandsworth AI

Secretary

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SIGN UP FOR 2012

Every month we send out a newsletter with information about our meetings and news about our current activities and as often as possible we enclose a letter to be signed in connection with an action or campaign. This is a very important way of keeping in touch with people who cannot make every meeting.

Unfortunately, this costs money, as does running the local group and the national organisation. Therefore, we are asking local supporters to Sign Up for 2012.



I enclose £5 [£2 unwaged] as my membership of Wandsworth Amnesty group for 2012.

Name

Address

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Tel: Em@il:

Send to: Peter Martin/ 6 Manville Road/ Tooting Bec/ SW17 8JN

Cheques to: Amnesty International/Wandsworth please.

Thanks!

*many thanks to those who have already sent me money
and those who have also made a donation*