



WANDSWORTH

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP

presents

QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER @ 19:30

THE EXHIBIT

12 BALHAM STATION ROAD

Please bring yourself, friends and relatives to this fun fundraiser. We need organisers and raffle prizes. If you can help, please contact Sara at wandsworthai@yahoo.co.uk. More details to come.

We meet next at
The Exhibit

WEDNESDAY
12 SEPTEMBER

-- 19:30 --

To discuss

- Adopting Individuals @ Risk
– Croatia, Libya, Tunisia?
- Organising Quiz Night and
Film Night
- Kosovo [see next page]
- And lots more

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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!

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FILM NIGHT:

THE LIVES OF OTHERS

(Dir. Von Donnersmarck) 2001 Life in and under the Stasi in 1980s East Berlin (138 mins)

The Exhibit has a small cinema and Tudor has a huge collection of DVDs which we can take advantage of. At our last meeting we decided to give a showing to *The Lives of Others*.

"This fierce and gloomy drama was a notable winner of 2007's best foreign film Oscar. It is an indictment of the sinister brutalities of the Stasi, the GDR's secret police, whose tentacular network of informers was so vast that fully 2% of the entire civilian population was on the payroll - a network of fear and shame worthy of George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four.

A handsome, well-meaning but smug literary lion

in mid-80s East Berlin, Georg Dreyman is churning out turgid and derivative sub-Brechtian plays set in quaintly imagined factories with characters occasionally delivering leaden choric monologues to the audience. Dreyman is mightily pleased with himself and his career, combining as he does a vacuous appeal to western liberals, with a shrewdly sycophantic acquaintance with the Honeckers. He is passionately involved with his glamorous leading lady, Christa-Maria Sieland, but she is also secretly conducting an affair with a bloated party bigwig who is promising her career advancement in the state-sponsored world of the arts, and guaranteeing her access to forbidden western prescription drugs, to which she has become hopelessly addicted. Fanatically jealous of Dreyman, the official sets a Stasi officer to bug the playwright's apartment and find a pretext to fling him into prison. The Stasi functionary is a cold-fish type who becomes an insidious voyeur, spying on Georg and Christa's relationship. He finally becomes moved to question the state tyranny to whose service he has dedicated his whole life."

Kosovo missing persons – sending a message

At our last meeting we had a talk on [Building Justice in the Balkans: Enforced Disappearances and War Crimes of Sexual Violence](#). The speaker has asked us to follow up one aspect of AI's work.

There are five families in Kosovo who lost relatives and whom Amnesty has supported. In part as a consequence of Amnesty's lobbying, three families are seeing some progress in establishing the fate of their loved ones; the other two, however, continue to be frustrated by a lack of information. A Serbian woman, Petrija Piljevic, was abducted and believed murdered in 1999 and her son, Dragan, is still seeking information about her fate. In the same period, a Roma, Daka Asani, disappeared. His wife, Sadije, died in March of this year but his son, Skender, is still pursuing the authorities for information. It would be much appreciated by these families if activists could send them a card or to let them know that we are working on their behalf.

Dragan Piljevi :	Mike Mladenovica	18400	Prokuplje	Serbia
Skender Asani:	Lessing str. 21	Lunen	44534	Germany

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A cluster bomb casing used in Misratah, Libya, 2011

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*