

Solihull Amnesty Group

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 16th February 2015

Present: Cathy, Pauline, Bernard, David, Ruth, Janet

Apologies: Aisha, Celia, Andrew

Matters Arising:

No-one was able to attend Ralph Braunholz' meeting.

Future Events:

Thursday 12/3/15 7.30p.m Wythall group will Host a meeting with a speaker on Syria.

Monday 16/3/15 7.30p.m At our next meeting Julian Knight (Solihull Conservative Parliamentary candidate) will be present. Details below.

Saturday 28/3/15 Street Collection Wythall group will provide collectors, and Birmingham group may do so. Bernard and David are looking for someone to look after the collection room as Mary Donnelly is unable to do so.

18/19 April 2015 National Conference Warwick University Bernard and Pauline hope to attend.

Campaign Reports

Johan Teterissa The current letter-writing programme continues until June. Janet will forward other Indonesian Urgent Actions when received.

Sombath Somphone The current letter-writing campaign continues until mid-April.

Programme for regular extended reports on Human Rights issues

It was agreed to plan a programme of longer reports at our meetings to promote discussion as follows:

April Report back from Annual Conference

May ISIS

June Ukraine

Planning of Meeting with Julian Knight 16 March 2015

Cathy to Chair meeting.

Introduction to include brief statements on 'What is Amnesty' and 'What is Justice for Peace'.

The topics to be covered will be the Human Rights Act, Stop Torture and Asylum Seekers

Matters we will raise will include Julian Knight's willingness to prioritise raising the matter of alleged rendition with the FCO, the possibility of taking more Syrian refugees and the effect of the of the failure of SERCO to liaise with local authorities/doctors over housing of asylum seekers.

