



# DERBY AMNESTY

Amnesty International (AI) Derby and District Group Newsletter

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## Greeting Card Campaign Sat 5 Dec 10.30am - 4.00pm



Derby Amnesty is holding its annual Greetings Card Campaign where members of the public are invited to send a solidarity message to people suffering human rights abuses as well as writing letters to the authorities who have the power to remedy the abuses.

Letters can pressure the authorities to address cruelty and injustice. *It only takes a few minutes to write a card or letter. But this simple act means a lot to someone whose rights are being abused.*

The event will be held on Saturday 5th December 10.30am-4pm at the St. Peter's Centre, St. Peter's Church, St. Peter's Street, Derby. If you can help on the day, or can't attend but could give a donation to help with postage, please contact Anne Feist on 01332 766536 or [anne.feist@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.feist@ntlworld.com), or complete and return the form below.

## Diary Dates . . Diary Dates

Group Meetings are in the Friends Meeting House (FMH), St Helen's St. Derby All welcome.

<b>Dec 5th 2015</b>	Greetings Card Campaign at St Peter's Centre, St Peter's Street
<b>Jan 11th 2016</b>	Fundraising Dinner
<b>Feb 9th 2016</b>	Group Meeting 7.30pm Friends Meeting House
<b>Mar 8th</b>	Group Meeting 7.30pm Friends Meeting House
<b>Mar 19th 2016</b>	Book Sale, St Peter's Church. St Peter's Street

## Join Amnesty for Dinner

Join Amnesty members for a fundraising dinner on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.30 pm. £20 per head, of which £10 will go to Amnesty. At the new Shalimar Gold Restaurant, 15 Midland Road, Derby . Popadums and pickles followed by a variety of Indian dishes including a vegetarian option. Places need to be booked in advance as space is limited.

Please let Imti Choonara ([imti.choonara@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:imti.choonara@nottingham.ac.uk)) know before Thursday 7 January (01283 734778)

### Reply Slip Greetings Card Campaign, Saturday 5th Dec 2015 10.30 am – 4.00 pm.

I would like to help on Saturday 5th Dec and can help between ..... and .....

I am unable to help at the Flag Day but enclose donation of ..... towards the cost of postage  
(Cheques to Amnesty International)

Name.....Address.....

Email ..... Phone .....

Please return to Anne Feist (or email or phone). 3 Willson Ave, Litteover DE23 2BD.  
[anne.feist@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.feist@ntlworld.com) 01332 766536

### **Benefit Gig on a Stormy Night.**

On Saturday November 14th, Belper Amnesty Group held their annual Amnesty Benefit gig at the Queens Head on Chesterfield Rd, Belper. About 50 people were thoroughly entertained by 'Southbound' a group from Derby who played 'Americana' (contemporary front porch music, and Blue Grass). The contribution to Amnesty on the night was over £300, and members from Derby and Wirksworth groups joined their Belper colleagues on a very stormy and rain-lashed evening. *Dave Callow*

### **Amnesty Regional Conference**

The combined West and East Midlands Amnesty Regional Conference took place in Birmingham on Saturday October 17th. Our Derbyshire groups were represented by Kerry Scutts Chair of Wirksworth Group.

The event was organised by Louise Walsh West Midlands Regional Rep. and Robin Clark West Midlands Regional Media Support officer. Around 100 Amnesty members supported the event. Currently there is no East Midlands Regional Rep. ....so if anyone is interested!!

There were several workshops to participate in, including 'Growth for Impact'. Anyone seeking further details on the event, please contact Kerry on [kerrykutts@gmail.com](mailto:kerrykutts@gmail.com)

### **Book Sale**

The book sale next year will be on Saturday, March 19th 2016 in St Peter's Church, St Peter's Street. Please note the change of venue. It has become in-

creasingly difficult and expensive to book the Guildhall, as it is now being used more for events since the demise of the Assembly Rooms and the room we use is used as a dressing room if they have a show.

We are of course very willing to collect books throughout the year and are always on the lookout for unwanted books in good condition. If you have any just give me a ring on 01332 766536.

*Anne Feist*

### **Flag Day**

The Flag Day this year raised £465.00 including donations.

Taking into account the competition and the economic climate, this was a good effort, but a few more people collecting, especially in the afternoon, would boost the total - perhaps to £500?

Thanks to all who gave their time or made a donation. *Anne Feist*



Amnesty Bullfinch Woodcut Christmas Card