

Solihull Amnesty International Group

Minutes of Meeting Monday 21 September 2015

Present. Cathy, Celia, Janet, Pauline, Bernard, Amy, Heather
Apologies. Ruth, David

1. Recent Events -

- **Amnesteia** : 48 people attended. £358 was raised plus £80 donations making a total of £438. Well done all. It was suggested that some lighter tables might be obtained in future as some of those used were rather heavy.
- **Fun in the Park** : This was very successful with approximately 75 people participating. Those involved gave a very positive and generous response to this awareness campaign on 'What single item would you take with you if you had to flee your home and country at short notice'.

2. Future Events –

- **Solihull College Welcome Week 22 September:** Stall on the campaign 'My Body My Rights'. Celia and Pauline to be in attendance.
- **Regional Conference 17 October:** members to attend required.

3. Secretary's Items.

- **Monthly Action:** on British Firms trading in Torture equipment. Letters to be sent to local MEP and Minister for Trade. Janet to write to Savid Javid. Details to be sent out to members by Celia. Members also created a Key for Freedom as part of AI's campaign in support of decriminalisation of abortion in San Salvador.
- **Communication from one of our MEPs** that he was unable to attend any of our meetings.
- **Fortress Europe** Talk by Quaker Asylum Group on 22 October at Carrs Lane Church. Anyone may attend.

4. Campaign Reports.

Johan Teterissa. Janet gave details of previous atrocities in 1965 and under the communists. Continue with rota .

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5. AOB –

- **Twitter and Facebook** – Amy said that the group should use Twitter and Facebook to reach younger people. She volunteered to look into this and advise the group. ACTION: Celia and Cathy
- **Human Rights Day** 10/12/16 it was agreed that we would have a stall from 10:00-16:00 in Poplar Way as in previous years. Volunteers required. Confirmation letter to be sent to Town Centre Management by Bernard.
- **Street Collection** suggested dates 6/13/20 March . Janet proposed that Shelley Farm and Bentley Heath should replace Shirley in list of collecting locations. Bernard to send a request to Licensing Authority.
- **Seeds of Hatred** – film about plight of Rohingya People was shown at end of meeting.