

Solihull Amnesty International Group

Minutes of Meeting Monday 17 November 2014

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

1. Minutes and Action From October Meeting.

- Cathy and Pauline met together and put Photographs of Fun in the Park on the Website.
- Pauline would take over the maintenance of our website in future.
- All AI catalogue gifts have arrived and been distributed.
- Position regarding visit by General Election candidates not known

2. Recent Events - Torture Crawl Sat 25 Oct Celia went to this event and there is a photo etc on website

3. Future Events – Human Rights Day –

- Stall position cannot be in Sainsbury's stall footfall as exit doors are still closed.
- Rota - 10:00 Pauline bring and put up stall, 10:00 – 12:00 Cathy and Pauline plus Janet for 1 hour, 12:00 – 14:00 Celia and David. Celia to take stall home
- Bernard will not be able to come. David volunteered to come early and help put up the stall

4. Future Events – AI AGM at Warwick Uni 18-19 April. Booking will start 1st December

5. Secretary's Items.

Monthly Action: lobby USA to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The group does not understand why the USA has failed to ratify this. Cathy agreed to email AI for an explanation and to report back.

A reply to last month's monthly Action calling on the Government to increase the financial assistance to Asylum Seekers has been received from both Carolyn Spellman and Lorely Burt. Lorely promised to look into it. Caroline gave a lengthy reply saying that government Departments had reviewed it recently and the amount given was considered adequate! What to do next?

6. Christmas Social – Monday 15 December at Cathy's. Celia and Cathy will prepare mains, rest of us will bring puds and drinks

7. Write for Rights – the group agreed that the 2 prisoners of conscience that will be used on 10 December would be:

- p7 China, Liu Ping
- p8 Sri Lanka, Prageth Ekmaligoda
- David agreed to create some crib sheets to hand out, if requested

9. Campaign Reports.

Johan Teterissa. Janet reported that the list of recipients for letters was unchanged. It was also suggested that during the current transition phase of the government letters could be sent directly to Johan Teterissa. A new rota was circulated

Sombath Somphone. David reported that letters to previous recipients are to continue.

