

Oxford City Amnesty Group Newsletter

September 2012

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Recent group events

Our group had a huge number of events this summer, here are the highlights:

JUNE

Jericho Street Fair, Monday 4th June, Canal Street Jericho. Our first time in Jericho was a surprisingly busy Jubilee holiday as enthusiastic locals signed our actions.

Oxford Mela, Saturday 9th June, Oxford Spries Academy. The Asian Mela was a great way to reach out to Oxford residents who had never heard of Amnesty and enabled us to enjoy some quality Indian entertainment.



Peter Tatchell at Oxford Pride

Oxford Pride, Saturday 16th June, Oxpens. The day went brilliantly, despite the gale-force winds. We collected 50+ signatures on our South African letter for Noxolo Nogwaza, 40 solidarity ribbons, and a number of photos for the Cameroon action.

JULY

West Oxford Fun Day, Saturday 14th July, West Oxford Community Centre grounds filled with local families and discovered our wind proof stall

Oxford Amnesty summer social Tuesday 17th July, Cafe Tarifa. Amnesty members new and seasoned swapped weather complaints as we signed actions on one of the warmer evenings of the month.

AUGUST

Headington Fun Day Sunday 12th August at Bury Knowle park. Thanks to all who helped out as we gathered signatures for Russian punk band, Pussy Riot.

Elderstubs Festival, Cowley Saturday 18th August. Oxford City Amnesty was there in blistering sunshine raising awareness for prisoners of conscience in Belarus.

Car boot sale Sunday 26th August at Peachcroft Farm. The August bank holiday sun shone on us for a fund-raising car boot sale in Abingdon. As well as giving some unwanted items new homes (fishing rods were popular), we raised over £90 for Amnesty. Thanks to Jeremy, Jane, Nisha and John for their contributions and selling skills!

Pub quiz Weds 29th August at Far From the Madding Crowd. A hugely successful evening was had, the pub was full to the rafters. We raised over £170 from the quiz and raffle. Thanks to all who helped out.

** Welcome Charlie! **

Long time group member Charlie Lythgoe has recently joined the Oxford group's committee as campaign coordinator for Poverty and Human Rights (formerly Demand Dignity) covering a range of Amnesty actions. This is great news for us all as Charlie brings extra enthusiasm as well as extensive pub quiz knowledge (that came in handy recently!).

Charlie's contact details are on page 2.



Elderstubs was hot enough to wear sandals

UPCOMING EVENTS

Acoustic Artistry

Friday 12th October, 8pm, £5/4

Simon Davies hosts a night of acoustic music from Huffenpuff, Tarik Bashir, and Simon with guest Evan McGregor.

Albion Beatnik, 34 Walton Street OX2 6AA

Westgate Stall

Saturday 27th October, 9-4pm

Oxford Amnesty returns to the Westgate Centre to raise awareness with an all-day stall. Can you help out? Please email michaelamnesty@yahoo.co.uk

OWF Stall

Saturday 17th November, 11-5pm

Oxfam One World Fair hosts our Amnesty stall to promote the Greetings Card campaign and sell a few items ourselves. Please join us at Oxford Town Hall. Email jane.buswell@virginmedia.com

Wintergreen Stall

Saturday 1st Dec, 10:30-4:30pm

Like One World Fair, but with carolling. Oxford Town Hall – please help out! Email michaelamnesty@yahoo.co.uk

Greeting Cards Stall

Saturday 22nd – TBC

Our outdoor feel-good stall on Cornmarket returns to help send messages of hope and spread good will during the holidays. Email jane.buswell@virginmedia.com

Upcoming meetings

All meetings begin at 7:15pm with letter writing and are in Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates running until 9pm.

Tuesday 16th October - Kim Manning-Cooper, AIUKs Death Penalty and LGBT Co-ordinator will give us campaign updates.

Tuesday 20th November – Featuring an update on the Arms Trade Treaty.

Monday 10th December – our traditional Holiday social in place of our meeting, with a mystery game twist – stay tuned!

How do you **connect** with the Oxford City Amnesty Group?

This newsletter is one of a number of ways to keep informed about our group's campaign actions and get involved. Here are some other ways to stay connected:

Yahoo emails – To join send an email to oxford-amnesty-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/68704186980/>

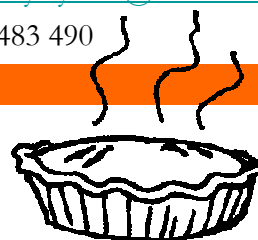
Twitter – [#OxfordAmnesty](https://twitter.com/OxfordAmnesty)

CAN YOU BAKE?

We are planning a bake sale in mid-December to raise funds for our group. We're looking for a few good bakers to cookies, cakes, or other sweet treats.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN DONATE FOOD

Please email: hayleycard@hotmail.com
or call 01865 483 490



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