

# Lambeth Amnesty Group Newsletter

## November 2013

### Forthcoming dates for the diary

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Southwark Amnesty letter-writing evening, Old Red Lion Kennington
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Ealing Amnesty Group – rally for Dhondup Wangchen (Tibetan Film-maker, imprisoned for making a documentary about life under Chinese rule), 3-5 pm, Chinese Embassy, 49-51 Portland Place, W1B 1JL.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Lambeth Amnesty Carol Singing at Brixton Tube and Write for Rights greeting card campaign, full details tbc.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2014	London Region Conference, full details tbc.

### Meeting Notes from 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Clapham Community Project

#### Present

Ros Davidson, Anita Sollis, Anna Reisenberger.

The group welcomed new member Gemma.

#### Secretary's Report, Campaign updates and upcoming events

##### New venue needed

Ros spoke to Marie at the Clapham Community Project last week and sadly they have been given notice to leave St Anne's Hall so we will no longer be able to use CCP for our monthly meetings. Marie thanked Lambeth Amnesty for its support over the years and members of the group signed a card to give her and the other people who work at CCP thanking them.

We don't usually have a meeting in December (because of carol singing) so the next meeting would be **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**. Anna has kindly agreed to host the meetings in January and February as it's unlikely we'll have a new venue by then. It was decided that we won't put her address on the website but will say 'please email [lambethamnesty@gmail.com](mailto:lambethamnesty@gmail.com) for directions' (she lives between Clapham Common and Clapham North tube station). Ros to update website. An email will need to be sent to everyone on the mailing list to say there will be no meeting on 17th December and that we cannot meet at CCP any longer and if anyone has any ideas for a new venue let us know. (Caroline)

The group discussed possible venues - they need to be near a tube station, safe, accessible and within budget. (At the moment we pay £24 for two hours.)

Possible venues:

Bread and Roses - Ros to ask

St John's Church, Clapham Road - Ros to ask

Clapham Arts Centre (where old Library was) - Anna to ask

Brixton – Gemma agreed to look into places

Bolney Meadow centre – Caroline chasing

### **Carol Singing and Write for Rights**

Ros reported that Anne-Marie is making arrangements for the carol singing at Brixton tube station on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. She has chased tfl and they said (once again) they hadn't received her application even though she had an email receipt. She is chasing. Is Dogstar booked for after? Who has carol sheets, collection tins, collection bucket, Xmas cards, pens?

Carol singers needed – Ros to contact Anne Hubble and see if she is available.

### **Stand Up Women**

The now annual Stand Up Women comedy night is planned for Saturday 8 March 2014 at the Bedford in Balham. There is sub group of Lambeth and Southwark members organising this.

The group signed an urgent action letter to Presidente Juan Manuel Santos (President of Colombia) regarding death threats made to human rights defenders in the county.

The group ended the meeting by watching part of a film that was made by a former group member (Tony) which was made in Spain and about the people who disappeared in the Spanish Civil War and locating and honouring their remains. Anna has the film if anyone wants to borrow it

### **Staying in touch with Amnesty in London**

There are numerous ways to find out about what Amnesty is doing in London:

- Lambeth Amnesty website: <http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/groups/lambeth>
- London Amnesty website: <http://london.amnesty.org.uk>
- London Amnesty Google group (you can sign into this to get regular updates of events and opportunities for volunteering): <http://groups.google.com/group/amnesty-london-region>
- Amnesty UK website for events: [www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10011](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10011)

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014** at Anna's house or, if possible a new venue.

Usually, meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month starting at 8pm.