

**Forthcoming dates for the diary**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	World Teachers' Day Event - Human Rights Action Centre, FREE but <a href="#">book online</a> to reserve your tickets
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	In Concert & Conversation - Israeli Conscientious Objector, Omar Sa'ad & the Galilee Quartet – 6.30pm HRAC FREE but <a href="#">book online</a> to reserve your tickets.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Members consultation meeting 7-9pm HRAC
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Amnesty Londonwide Street Collection
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Lambeth Amnesty meeting – 8pm Bread and Roses, Clapham.
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Wandsworth Embassy Crawl (flyer attached)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Lambeth Amnesty Carol Singing at Brixton Tube and Write for Rights greeting card campaign, full details <b>TBC</b>

Meeting Notes from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Bread and Roses, Clapham

Present - Ros, Anita, Anna, Rachel, Gareth, Eleanor, William, Peter

**1. Phase two of the strategic goals consultation**

The International Secretariat are currently working on the first draft of the strategic goals paper. They would like feedback on this first draft during September and October. Your input will help inform AI's focus and global priorities for the period 2016-2019, and there are different ways you can get involved:

**Regional events** Amnesty are planning a series of regional events to take place during October, which are open to all Amnesty members. The Human Rights Education Team will be facilitating these sessions. The **London event** will be at 7pm on 9th October at the Human Rights Action Centre. For details please visit [www.amnesty.org.uk/consultation](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/consultation)

**Individual feedback** Members that can't attend group discussions or regional events, can feedback online at [www.amnesty.org.uk/consultation](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/consultation) **Please note deadline for feedback is 20 October.**

**2. Amnesty Londonwide Street Collection**

The group discussed whether to take part but it was decided that if anyone wanted to collect they could join the Southwark group on the day. They are collecting outside Tate Modern between 11am – 1pm. Please contact Jeni for details if you're interested: [im.not.a.terrorist@gmail.com](mailto:im.not.a.terrorist@gmail.com)

**3. Monthly Action**

Torture in Mexico - Call for an end to torture and impunity. Amnesty International's new report on Mexico ("*Out of control. Torture and other ill-treatment in Mexico*"), brings to light horrific cases of individuals ill-treated or tortured - *to death*, in some cases - by military and police forces across Mexico and highlights how impunity is the norm for perpetrators. The group wrote to the Mexican President calling on him to ensure that victims of torture receive prompt medical examinations in line with international standards.

#### 4. Urgent Action

The group signed an urgent action for Iranian prisoner of conscience Mohammad Ali Taheri. The group discussed inviting the Country Coordinator for Iran to come and give a talk to the group. Ros will invite her in the New Year. Peter agreed to receive urgent actions in future and bring them to the group. Ros will forward details to him.

#### 5. Newsletter

Eleanor will prepare the newsletter from the October meeting onwards.

#### 6. Carol Singing and Write for Rights

Ros to speak to Anne-Marie about booking Brixton Tube on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December (5pm-7pm). If, like last year, they won't allow it the group will look at alternative venues since it is such a good fundraising opportunity. Gareth to investigate other options. Once the venue for carol singing has decided we will need to find somewhere to count the money and do Write for Rights.

#### 7. Become an amnesty trainer

Would you like to inspire and educate people in the UK about human rights and Amnesty International? Do you find yourself regularly speaking to colleagues, friends and acquaintances about the important work that Amnesty does? Would you be interested in sharing your passion for Human Rights with others in the community? If yes, then sign up to our one-day *Amnesty Train the Trainers Workshop*. At the end of this interactive and inspiring day, you will have developed your facilitation and training skills in a participative and active environment. Then you can join our volunteer group of trainers delivering and facilitating interactive and inspiring sessions to adult audiences all across the UK, from Amnesty Local Groups, to Universities, to Community Centres. **Upcoming Train the Trainers Workshop:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014, 10am to 4pm, Human Rights Action Centre, EC2A 3EA To find out more and register, please email [training@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:training@amnesty.org.uk) Spaces are limited.

#### 8. Next meeting

At the next meeting we will devote half the meeting to letter writing rather than planning a separate event.

#### Staying in touch with Amnesty in London

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

- Lambeth Amnesty website: [www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/lambeth](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/lambeth)
- London Amnesty website: [www.london.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.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/events#.VCVviaWddUmM](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events#.VCVviaWddUmM)

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 8pm on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014** at Bread and Roses, 68 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4 6DZ.

Usually, meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.