



Aylesbury Amnesty International Group

Monthly Group Meeting, 27th May 2015, 7.30pm

Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT

Present:

Carol Tarrant
Bob Corn
David Barnard

Annelies Varsey
Sallyann Thilthorpe
Katherine Danflous

Apologies: Bronwen Lee, Gwyn Jenkins, Jim Edwards, Frances Booth

Carol welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that we are showing the film 'Persepolis' as part of the burgeoning AIUK campaign to support the Human Rights Act which is currently under threat from the newly elected Conservative Government's pledge to consult on replacing it!

1.0 Previous Minutes – Agreed

2.0 Urgent Actions and Post:

- 2.1 Katherine had prepared two letters - everyone signed, Bob to post.
- 2.2 Carol tabled two urgent actions included with the AIUK Monthly Action mailing – these two in connection with dissent in the UAE and in Bahrain – everyone can download the mailing and act.

3.0 June and July Meetings:

- 3.1 Noted that neither Bob nor Carol can attend the June meeting as they are on holiday – also, Annelies will be away – Sallyanne may not be able to attend. Resolved that David, Katherine and Sallyanne will liaise – Bob to send email addresses to facilitate.
- 3.2 Noted that the July meeting will be the summer social gathering – resolved that this will be based on Ivinghoe Lawn – adjacent to the Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub – Bob to liaise with everyone nearer the date.

4.0 'Persepolis':

Carol introduced the film, again referring to the Conservative Government's desire to consult on the Human Rights Act, and the reference to it in the recent Queen's Speech as being considered in the first year of the new Government. A lively debate ensued, which continued after the film showing.

5.0 Any Other Business:

There was no other business.

6.0 NEXT MEETINGS: 24th June 2015 at 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House, 9 Rickfords Hill, Aylesbury, HP20 2RT (subject to confirmation as item 3.0 above); **29th July 2015** 7.30pm, based at Ivinghoe Lawn.