

# Amnesty International Southend Group

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# June 2016 Newsletter

## Jamnesty!

Fundraising concert  
24<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm  
Clifftown Theatre,  
Nelson Street, Southend  
**Tickets £10**

Phone or text Doug on  
07882149776 or e-mail  
[amnestysouthend@googlemail.com](mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com)

**Do you play or sing, do you  
know somebody who can and is  
willing to support Amnesty?  
Get in touch with Mike on  
07798948236**

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
at 7:30pm

at  
The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury  
Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea  
SS0 7AU

*We will have visitors from Bahrain to talk  
about life for ordinary Bahraini's in that  
country as well as what has happened to  
them since seeking asylum in the UK*

## Sponsored Walk

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Start 2:00pm at the Coastguard  
Station, Shoeburyness, walking to  
Old Leigh. Sponsorship forms from  
[amnestysouthend@googlemail.com](mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com)  
along with sponsorship pledges  
if you can't join us.

## Amnesteaa

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
2:30pm – 5:00pm

36 Orchard Avenue, Hockley SS5 5BE

Lots of tea varieties!

Can you bring a cake?

Let Mu know on 01702 204748 or e-mail  
[amnestysouthend@googlemail.com](mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com)

**SUPPORT THE GROUP STALL  
AT LEIGH FOLK FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE FROM 10:00am**

## Action

Please write:

- In support of the LGBTI community in Tunisia.
- On behalf of three men sentenced to death in Bahrain
- On behalf of missing boys and men in Cameroon
- Details on the [GROUP WEBSITE](#)

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[www.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.amnesty.org.uk)

Southend Group meets on the second Thursday  
of each month at 7:30pm, at The Balmoral Centre,  
Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

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## Notes of meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

**Present:** Andrew, Doug, Martin, Clare, Steve, Heidrun, David, Muriel and Mike (Chair).

**Apologies:** Tricia, and Maureen.

**Anything from the last meeting?** Atena Farghadani, Iran was released on 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### **Letters and Petitions:-**

**Stop Torture Campaign** – Although this campaign officially ends on 31<sup>st</sup> May we may continue to send cards on behalf of Ali Arrass and Alfreda Disbarro. There will be cards to sign at the July meeting.

**Burma** - Nothing to report.

**Prageeth Eknaligoda, Sri- Lanka** – Doug has found that we are encouraged to write to Prageeth's wife on a monthly bases and he will sort out addresses, etc. There is a "writing event" in August.

**AI UK Monthly Action** - write to show support for the LGBTI community in Tunisia.

**Urgent Action** from AI UK - Three men in Bahrain who's death sentence has been upheld on appeal.

**SEE FRONT PAGE FOR LINKS TO LETTER-WRITING DETAILS**

### **Secretary**

- We had been sent a list of available IaR cases by AI UK and decided that we would like to work on behalf of Ihar Tsikhanyuk from Belarus.

**Treasurer** – Group funds currently stand at £572.20.

### **Fundraising**

- **Jamnesty!** Booking of Clifftown Theatre confirmed Mike will complete and send off the booking form and deposit. We have 4 performers so far. Mike will produce tickets and posters on glossy paper in time for the next meeting and arrange press, etc. publicity with Tricia. We will have a free programme on the night.
- **Sponsored Walk Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2:00pm start.** Walk from Shoebury Coastguard Station to Old Leigh. Andrew has forms or e-mail [amnestysouthend@googlemail.com](mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com). Mu will see if we can have a stall en route.
- **Amnestea Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2:30pm – 5:00pm** at 36 Orchard Avenue, Hockley. There'll be many varieties of tea - and cake. CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME, CONTACT MURIEL ON 01702 204748

### **Publicity**

- Leigh Folk Festival 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June. Andrew has arranged a stall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am

**Next Meeting:** - at the Balmoral Centre on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm. We will have visitors from Bahrain to talk about life for ordinary Bahraini's in that country as well as what has happened to them since seeking asylum in the UK. We will also have the cards to sign for the remaining Stop Torture Campaign cases.

*Mike Pregnall*

Group Secretary  
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