

Amnesty International Southend Group

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AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR **J**JAMNESTY

A concert in Aid of Southend Amnesty Group

Saturday 24th September, 7:30pm. (doors open 7:00pm).
Clifftown Theatre, Nelson Street, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1EF

Featuring an eclectic mix of local musicians - Andy & Ella, Bone Idols, Clive Hammond, Horatio James, Iain & Cora, Optical Monk, Richard Stokkereiit, The Quarter Moons and Whirlwind.

**Tickets £10 (under 16s £7) from Doug on 07882149776
or from amnestysouthend@googlemail.com**



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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 11th August, 2016

Present: Andrew, Doug, Martin, Claire, Steve, David, Muriel and Mike (Chair).

Apologies: Tricia, Heidrun and Maureen.

Anything from the last meeting? The last meeting was given over entirely to the visitors from Bahrain who related experiences in Bahrain and this country, including being subjected to surveillance in both. Andrew and Mike to arrange a cheque for their travelling expenses.

Letters and Petitions:-

Stop Torture Campaign – We signed cards on behalf of Ali Arrass and Alfreda Disbarro..

Prageeth Eknaligoda, Sri- Lanka – we sent cards to Prageeth's wife and letters to the President of Sri Lanka.

Real Lives – we wrote to the President of Cameroon and the High Commissioner in London about missing boys and me

SEE LINKS TO LETTER-WRITING DETAILS BELOW

AI UK Monthly Action – we have been sent a Refugee Pack which Claire will use at Barking Abbey Secondary School.

Speak Out About Hate – we've been asked to write to our Council and/or Councillors asking them to "stand against hate". [Details on the AI UK website.](#)

Secretary

- No response from AI UK about an additional IaR, Ihar Tsikhanyuk from Belarus. Mike to contact IaR Team.
- Had declined to attend the Big Event i Southend this year as it immediately preceded the Jamnesty! concert.

Treasurer – Group funds currently stand at £368.20 with the proceeds of the Amnestea and Sponsored Walk to be added. Heidun has sent off the annual AI UK affiliation fee.

Fundraising

Jamnesty! We now have a full programme for this event - **we just need to sell tickets** (see front page for details)! Mike to contact the Theatre to arrange publicity round the University and talk about raffles, poster & leaflet display on the night, and a visit by performers. On the night we will need ushers and reserved seats for people with mobility problems. Steve will get a poster displayed at SEC. Mike will also arrange t publicity and press releases with Tricia.

Mike Pregnall

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Action

Please write:

- To the president of Sri Lanka on behalf of Prageeth Eknaligoda and to his wife Sandya
- On behalf of missing boys and men in Cameroon
- On behalf of Alireza Tajiki, at risk of execution in Iran
- To your Council – "speak out against hate"

Details on the **GROUP WEBSITE**

Except "speak out against hate" – see above.

Next Meeting
Our next meeting is
Thursday 8TH September
at 7:30pm at
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