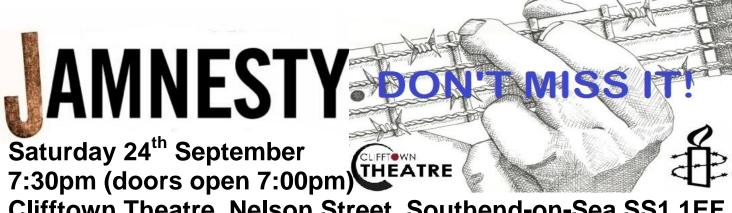
# Amnesty International Southend Group

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# SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



Clifftown Theatre, Nelson Street, Southend-on-Sea SS1 1EF Tickets £10 (under 16s £7)

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS? THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR AND THE SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IS CRUCIAL TO ITS SUCCESS. BUT IT'S A SMALL THEATRE WITH ONLY 125 SEATS - BOOK NOW!

Get you tickets from Doug on 07882149776 or from amnestysouthend@googlemail.com

We also need your help on the night – giving out programmes, people to act as ushers, selling raffle tickets and tidying up at the end. The Theatre is open to us from 6:00pm. CAN YOU HELP? Let Mike know on 01702 204748 or at <a href="mailto:amnestysouthend@googlemail.com">amnestysouthend@googlemail.com</a>

WE ALSO NEED RAFFLE PRIZES PLEASE. Again, contact Mike on 01702 204748 or at <a href="mailto:ammnestysouthend@googlemail.com">ammestysouthend@googlemail.com</a>

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## Amnesty International Southend Group Notes of meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> Septenber, 2016

**Present**: Andrew, Heidrun, Martin, Muriel and Mike

**Apologies**: Tricia, Claire, Doug, Steve and Maureen.

<u>Anything from the last meeting?</u> Cheque sent to Bahraini group for their travelling expenses to the August meeting.

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

Prageeth Eknaligoda, Sri- Lanka - Pregreeth is no longer An Al UK case.

Matsumoto Kenji, Japan - Al UK asked us to write to the Japanese authorities on

Matsumoto's behalf – he was sentenced to death in 1993. SEE LINKS TO LETTER-WRITING

DETAILS BELOW

"I welcome" Campaign – a new global refugee campaign to be launched next month. More immediately there's a national "Refugees Welcome Here" march on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – details at <a href="https://www.amnesty.org.uk/events/refugees-welcome-2016">https://www.amnesty.org.uk/events/refugees-welcome-2016</a>

**Speak Out About Hate** – we've been asked to write to our Council and/or Councillors asking them to "stand against hate". <u>Details on the AI UK website.</u> . It was agreed that Mike would write to Southend Council on behalf of the Group. There is also a 38degrees petition at <a href="https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/virgin-media-pull-your-sun-advertising">https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/virgin-media-pull-your-sun-advertising</a>

#### Secretary

- Still no response from AI UK about an additional IaR. Mike to contact IaR Team.
- Al UK Groups'. Monthly E-mail included a new Public Liability Insurance certificate copies of which have been sent to Clifftown Theatre and to Heidrun.

<u>Treasurer</u> – Heidrun reported that allowing for outstanding cheques but <u>not</u> the money from the Amnestea and sponsored walk, we have £368.20 in the Group's account.

#### **Fundraising**

Jamnesty! We need to sell more tickets (see front page for details)! The Theatre is publicising it around the University and Steve has got posters displayed in SEC. The event has also been put on a number of (free) publicity websites. The Theatre has no problem with a raffle, poster & leaflet display on the night, and a visit by performers prior to the concert. On the night we will need ushers and reserved seats for people with mobility problems. Mike will also arrange a press release with Tricia.

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### **Action**

Please write to the Minister of Justice and/or the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan on behalf of Matsumoto Kenji who is sentenced to death and may be executed at any time.

Details on the ALUK Website

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October
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