

Amnesty International Southend Group

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is
Thursday 10th November
at 7:30pm at
The Balmoral Centre,
Salisbury Avenue,
Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS WITH
JAMNESTY

Thanks to everybody who performed, helped, gave raffle prizes and paid at our Jamnesty! Concert on 24th September. A really enjoyable evening that raised £380 for Amnesty. We hope to have photos and a video available soon.

Actions

Please write to the government of Sudan on behalf of [Elias Waya Nyipuoch](#), who for more than three months, has remained in detention in military barracks in South Sudan, without charge or trial and to the government in Iran on behalf of [Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe](#), sentenced to 5 years in prison, though the charges she was convicted of had still not been revealed to her, her family or her lawyer.

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Write for Rights 2016

Our annual Write for Rights card and letter-writing event this year coincides with Human Rights Day, Saturday 10th December. We'll be at The Balmoral Centre from 10:00am till 1:00pm that day. Come and write a letter or card. Pens, paper, stamps, envelopes and guidance notes all provided – along with tea/coffee and mince pies

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Notes of meeting on 13th October, 2016

Present: Andrew, Heidrun, Martin, Doug, David, Steve, Muriel and Mike

Apologies: Tricia and Maureen.

Anything from the last meeting?

1. **Jamnesty!** It had been an enjoyable and successful evening and we'd made a profit of £381.93. If we do it again, we should maybe focus on a couple of acts, deal better with the interval and refreshments and try to encourage better backing from the Group's supporters. Thanks to everybody who contributed. We agreed to send £200 to the Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust.
2. **Stand Against Hate** We'd agreed to write to the Town Clerk about this but it seemed more likely to attract attention if we got a Councillor to propose a motion. Mike to ask Julian Ware-Lane to help

Letters and Petitions:-

We wrote on behalf of **Elias Waya Nyipuoch**, who for more than three months, has remained in detention in military barracks in Juba, South Sudan, without charge or trial and on behalf of **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe**, sentenced to 5 years in prison in Iran, though the charges she was convicted of had still not been revealed to her, her family or her lawyer

Secretary

- AI UK has offered us 2 alternative Individuals at Risk in place of Prageeth Eknaligoda. We decided to take on the case of **Haka Yaman**, a Turkish minibus driver apparently assaulted by the police. Doug will be the Group's contact for this case.
- Write for Rights 2016 material will be available from 1st November. We have already booked the conference room at the Balmoral Centre for 10th December, which is Human Rights Day. Mike to order the necessary materials and arrange publicity with Tricia.

Treasurer

Heidrun reported that taking the Amnestea and Jamnesty! Concert receipts into account along with payments to AI UK Charitable Trust, Clifftown Theatre and likely expenses for postage etc over the year, we'll have over £600 in the bank to cover the costs of Write for Rights and that will leave sufficient to cover our activities next year.

Fundraising

No more concerts for a little while please!

AOB

AI UK has published, in the Groups Newsletter, an article written by Andrew about the visit of the Bahraini Group to our July meeting. This can also be found on the [Group's website](#).

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Thursday 10th November 7:30pm at the Balmoral Centre. Mike and Muriel will be away but will pass the papers etc to Andrew. No Thursday meeting in December, just Write for Rights.

Mike Pregnall

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