

**Lambeth Amnesty Group Newsletter**  
**November 2014**

**Forthcoming dates for the diary**

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Southwark group Write for Rights – Red Lion, 42 Kennington Park Road, SE11 4RS 7.30pm
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Lambeth Amnesty Carol Singing – Clapham South Tube Station, 5pm – 7pm  Lambeth group Write for Rights greeting card campaign – Gialum, 7-8 Cavendish Parade Clapham Common Southside London, SW4 9DW 6pm – 9pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015</b>	Lambeth Amnesty meeting 8pm – Bread and Roses, Clapham
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b>	National Conference and AGM 2015 – Warwick University (Coventry), visit the website for more details <a href="http://www.amnesty.org.uk/agm">www.amnesty.org.uk/agm</a> , to request a booking form please email <a href="mailto:amnesty@blueprintpartners.com">amnesty@blueprintpartners.com</a>

Meeting Notes from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Bread and Roses, Clapham

Present – Ros, Anita, Anna, Caroline, Phil, Gareth, Imogen, Eleanor

Apologies – Rachel

**1. Carol Singing and Write for Rights**

Anne-Marie has booked Clapham South Tube Station 5pm – 7pm for carol singing. Ros has been in touch with Anne to ask her to contact the musicians. She will also check that Anne-Marie has the song sheets and will get the collection tins and sashes.

Write for Rights will overlap with the carol singing 6pm – 9pm. Gareth will look into finding a suitable venue in the Clapham area. Once this has been decided Ros will put the information on the Amnesty website and let the Southwark and Wandsworth groups know. Ros has ordered the materials for the night and will bring any spare Christmas cards that are left over from the Southwark group event.

**2. Monthly Action**

Calling on the USA to ratify the Convention on the Rights of The Child. The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the world’s most widely accepted human rights treaty, having been ratified by almost every member state of the United Nations. However, despite having signed the Convention in 1995, the USA has still not ratified it.

- Please write to the US Ambassador in London [see Action 1 sample letter PDF]
- Please collect signatures for a petition [see Action 2 and Petition Text PDF]

All details can be found here: <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/resources/groups-activity-pack-november-2014-convention-rights-child>

### **3. Talk on Uganda and Rwanda**

Gareth gave the group a talk about his time in Uganda and Rwanda. This included some history about the conflicts that took place and the effects that they have on the present day societies.

### **Staying in touch with Amnesty in London**

There are numerous ways to find out about what Amnesty is doing in London:

- Lambeth Amnesty website: [www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/lambeth](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/lambeth)
- London Amnesty website: [www.london.amnesty.org.uk](http://www.london.amnesty.org.uk)
- London Amnesty Google group (you can sign into this to get regular updates of events and opportunities for volunteering): <http://groups.google.com/group/amnesty-london-region>
- Amnesty UK website for events: [www.amnesty.org.uk/events#.VCViaWddUmM](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events#.VCViaWddUmM)

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Bread and Roses, 68 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4 6DZ.

Usually, meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.