

Oxford City Amnesty Group Newsletter

January 2013

<http://www.oxford-amnesty.org.uk>



Recent group events

Acoustic Artistry (12th October)

Congrats to Simon Davies on a well attended and enjoyed musical event that raised over £200 for Amnesty and managed to squeeze over 50 people in the Walton Street book shop.

Westgate Centre (27th October)

Many thanks to all who helped at our stall in the Westgate centre on a busy Saturday. We collected 55 signatures and £21 and were seen by hundreds of shoppers. It was definitely warmer than being outside!

Palestine Stall (10th November)

Our stall at the 'Human Rights for Palestinian Prisoners' event at Wesley Memorial Church included a film and feedback from recent research on the treatment of Palestinian children in military detention. We gathered a number of signatures for Amnesty urgent actions for Palestinian prisoners.

Oxfam One World Fair (17th November) and Wintergreen (1st December)

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers who helped promote our actions and our group as well as selling all but one pack of Christmas cards.

Cake sale (10th December)

A huge thank you to all those who gave up a slice (get it!) of their weekend to bake cakes for the Amnesty cake stall on International Human Rights Day (10th Dec) at Oxford Brookes. Our baking efforts were a huge success making £141.10 for Amnesty.

Winter Social (11th December)

The committee Whodunnit was acted gracefully by our brave committed members and solved decisively by our even braver audience

Treasurer year end update

This year has been hugely successful for fundraising for the group. By summer 2012 we were a little low on funds, an inevitable consequence of price rises for stalls and postage costs (our biggest outgoings) and less coming in via collection tins. The Group rallied round, though, and after our Pub Quiz in September, Acoustic Night in October and Bake Sale in December plus sales at Christmas stalls we have a healthy £800 to take us into 2013. Thanks to all who helped out! Any queries about group finances to kateamnesty@waitrose.com.

January group meeting

Members of the group provided an update from the EGM as well as a round up of campaign actions in 2012. For more details email secretary@oxford-amnesty.org.uk

2012 – YEAR IN REVIEW

Wow! Here's a list of what we got up to:

- Jan – New members meeting
- Jan – Regional meeting
- Feb – General meeting + Refugees event
- Mar – Women's festival events
- Apr – AGM in Manchester
- Jun – Stall at Oxford Pride
- Jun – Stall at Oxford Asian Mela
- Jun – Stall at the Jericho Street fair
- Jul – Stall at West Oxford Fun Day
- Jul – Summer social at Café Tarifa
- Aug – Stall at Headington Fun Day
- Aug – Stall at Elder Stubbs
- Aug – Car boot sale, Peachcroft farm
- Aug – Pub quiz, Far from Madding Crowd
- Oct – Acoustic Artistry at Albion Beatnik
- Oct - General meeting with Kim from AIUK
- Oct – Stall at the Westgate Centre
- Nov – Stall at One World Fair
- Nov – Stall at Palestine Prisoners' event
- Dec – Stall at Wintergreen Fair
- Dec – Cake sale (at Oxford Brookes)
- Dec – Holiday social Whodunit
- Dec – Stall on Cornmarket



Upcoming events

Tuesday 12th February

Screening of the film 'No', 6:15pm

The Phoenix Picturehouse. A film of the final days of the Pinochet regime. The evening will include a talk from a survivor of the regime. We will also have an Amnesty stall at the screening.

Friday 1st March to Weds 13th March

Oxford International Women's Festival

Oxford Amnesty members will coordinate a number of actions during the proceedings.

Info: kateamnesty@waitrose.com

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April

National Conference and AGM 2103

AiUK's event with speakers, debates, and voting on motions. For details:

www.amnesty.org.uk/agm



Need ethical Amnesty flip flops?

If so, please let us know – we have a range of sizes and are willing to sell for bargain prices! michaelamnesty@yahoo.co.uk

Upcoming meetings

All meetings begin at 7:15pm with letter writing and are in Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates running until 9pm.

Tuesday 19th February - Update on LGBT human rights campaigning and a quiz (with prizes), our contribution to LGBT History Month.

Tuesday 19th March – Focusing on campaign actions for women

Tuesday 16th April – Looking at AI's structure and AGM outcomes

Stay informed about our group's campaign actions and get involved:

Yahoo emails – To join send an email to oxford-amnesty-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/68704186980/>

Twitter – [@oxfordamnesty](https://twitter.com/oxfordamnesty)

Subscriptions for 2013

£5
£2 unwaged

This fee covers some of our costs for campaigning and donating to Amnesty International. We can't do this without your help. There are 2 ways to pay subs:
In person at our February and March general meetings

Via post or direct debit (email us for details) nisharehm@hotmail.com

Note: membership with Amnesty UK is separate from our subs. AIUK members receive Ai magazines and can vote as individual members at the UK AGM. For info: <https://www2.amnesty.org.uk/giving/join/adult>

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