

Oxford City Amnesty Group Newsletter

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



Recent group events

Oxford International Women's Festival 1st to 13th March

Oxford Amnesty members coordinated a number of events and actions during the proceedings.

Honey Thief 23rd March

Our fund raising retro club night returned after 2 years with an extremely enthusiastic 'high quality' crowd. Given the snowy weather, over 90 people enjoyed great tunes raising £220. Special thanks to our intrepid DJs and door volunteers for helping make it a great success!

National Conference and AGM 2103 13th and 14th April

Seven members of the Oxford City Amnesty group attended the AGM at the University of Warwick to vote on a record 29 resolutions. The main focus was on the sombre issues of financial cuts to the UK section but there was also plenty of actions and inspiration in the mix. For more information on the resolutions visit:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/agm>

Upcoming meetings

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

Tuesday 18th June – Refugees and Asylum seekers

Tuesday 16th July – Our summer social picnic at Port Meadow instead of Town Hall

There is no August meeting!

Tuesday 17th September – Topic TBC

Group news

New coordinator for IAR

Individuals At Risk (IAR) is Amnesty's flagship campaign covering a wide range of countries and human rights issues. Groups often adopt IAR cases for long term campaigning via letter writing and stalls. Experienced group member, Jane Buswell, has volunteered to take on a coordinating role and choose a few cases. More information will be sent by Jane through the Yahoo group shortly or you can email the secretary (see below) for details.

Finger Prints Campaign

Amnesty's campaign for women's rights in Afghanistan has a wonderful visual symbol of women holding up purple fingers to show that they have voted. We will be including this campaign throughout the summer with a child friendly 'voting both' so please keep an eye out for it!

Stay in contact

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

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

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Summer stalls and events

Please help out of come and visit us if you can!

Sunday 2nd June
Headington Fun Day Stall
Bury Knowle Park OX3
9HX

Thursday 6th June
Planning Oxford Gala
White House, OX1 4PD

Saturday 8th June
Oxford Pride Stall
Oxpens

Saturday 8th June
Jericho Street Fair Stall
Canal Street OX2 6BH

Friday 21st June
Amnestea event
4 Clover Close, Cumnor
Hill, OX2 9JH, 3 to 6pm

Sunday 7th July
Cowley Carnival Stall
Manzil Way (tbc)

Saturday 13th July
West Oxford Fun Day Stall
West Oxford Community
Centre OX2 8PN

Tuesday 16th July
Group Summer Social
Port Meadow Picnic with
optional sports, 7 to 9pm
Rain alternative:
The Victoria 90 Walton Street
OX2 6EB. On the day if lost
call Kate on 07717 336780.

Saturday 17th August
Elder Stubbs Festival
12pm – 6pm Elder Stubbs
Allotments (opposite
Florence Park), Rymers
Lane, Oxford OX4 3LB

Friday 12th October
Acoustic Evening
With Simon Davies and
friends at the Albion
Beatnik, 34 Walton Street
OX2 6AA

For information or to volunteer please email
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