



Amnesty International Hillingdon Group Newsletter No 12. Sep-Oct 2012

Diary - *indicates local event

***Mon 24 Sep** Group Meeting. 7:45 for 8pm start. Quaker Meeting Hall, Belmont Road, Uxbridge. Near Uxbridge bus/tube. Some on-street parking available. We are in the large room on the left. Fundraising update and discussion of photo opportunity/publicity stunt to mark 25 years

24-28 Sep 9am-6pm. Troy Davis Exhibition, Human Rights Action Centre (HRAC). Also 7pm 21 Sep, preview/discussion with photographer. Booking essential. Details: http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events_details.asp?ID=2240 Near Liverpool Street Station

***Sat 29 Sep** 12:30-2:30 Fundraising Stall, All Saints Church Hall, Long Lane, Hillingdon. Please come and show your support.

Thurs 11 October 7pm-9pm Training Session for street collectors HRAC.

***Sat 13 Oct** London Wide Street Collection. Help needed please! Please sign up at the group meeting 24 Sep, or contact us on amnestyhillingdon@hotmail.co.uk.

You can collect in a town centre (or other busy public location) near you.

***Mon 22 Oct** 7:45 for 8pm Group Meeting. Details as for 24 Sep. The group is 25 years old.

***Mon 26 Nov** 7:45 for 8pm Group Meeting. Details as for 24 Sep. Greetings Card Campaign.

New members and guests are welcome at all of our meetings. There is no admission charge. Refreshments available.

Arms Trade Treaty. Unfortunately we are still waiting... Read the latest here: <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10079>

Stall at Hayes Carnival. Thank you to Les and Jacqueline for braving the very wet and muddy conditions and helping to raise awareness of the Arms Control and Burma campaigns.

Garden Party. Thank you to Sally for hosting this very pleasant event. The food, as ever, was delicious.

Twitter. The Group Twitter account has 260 followers, increasing steadily. If you are a tweeter (or would like to be) – please Follow, retweet, etc to help spread the word. Jacqueline is doing a great job, posting lots of useful and interesting information. www.twitter.com/amnestyhillingd

Group Website. Many thanks to Jon who founded the group website and maintained it for the last few years. The website is now at a new address, with a new look/feel. Jacqueline got everything up and running and will be maintaining the website from now on. Thank you Jacqueline.

London Wide Street Collection, 13 Oct. Help needed please! This is one of our most important fundraising events. The more people who help, the more money is raised. You can choose to shake your collection tin in a busy public location to suit you.

Unsure about collecting? **Free training session** on confident and effective collecting from Amnesty member (and experienced trainer) Shan Rees who says:

“Do you find it challenging to collect money for Amnesty on the streets and sometimes wonder what to say? If so, come along to this short training course, where you will learn how to put yourself across confidently and effectively in this situation; some ideas of what to say; and how to align yourself with the over-all aim, so that you collect lots of money for Amnesty!”

The training session will take place on **Thursday 11th October at 7pm-9pm** at the **Human Rights Action Centre**, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. Contact Ros Davidson, London region rep, to register, on rosalie.davidson@outlook.com. Space is limited so best to apply early.

Also, there is a Facebook page for the street collection event. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/102582246562828/?context=create>, logging in to Facebook as necessary, or within Facebook search for ‘London-wide street collection’ and click to say that you’re attending the event. Then you can post hints for successful collection techniques or ask questions about how to enjoy supporting Amnesty by collecting.

***Sat 28 July Fundraising stall.** This stall was run by Jacqueline, Tom, Janet and Kate. We sold well to the disappointing number of visitors, raising approximately £25.



Jon Boud recently completed the London-Brighton bike ride in aid of Amnesty International Charitable Trust – please reward his efforts with sponsorship if you can. Thank you ☺ <http://www.justgiving.com/Jonathan-Boud>



The October meeting will mark the Group’s 25th Birthday. This is an opportunity to remind local media who we are and why we are still here. Suggestions/ideas welcome.

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Any items for next newsletter to Janet (Amnestyhillington@hotmail.co.uk) by early November please.