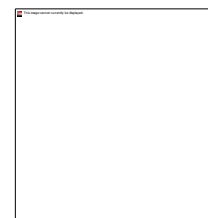


# Lambeth Amnesty Group Newsletter

## September 2012



### Forthcoming dates for diary

22nd-28 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	I Am Still Troy Davis exhibition at the Human Rights Action Centre, Shoreditch
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	Wandsworth Amnesty group: Fundraising Pub Quiz. Held at The Exhibit bar/cinema in Balham. Entry is £5 per person with a maximum of 8 people per team.
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2012	'1920s party' a fundraising party for AI UL, organised by a local group member. Held at Orford House Social Club (73 Orford Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 9QR) starting at 7pm Tickets cost: £7 (Student concession: £5). To order tickets please go to: <a href="http://www.wegotickets.com/event/171477">http://www.wegotickets.com/event/171477</a>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012</b>	<b>Lambeth Amnesty Letter Writing at The White Horse in Brixton, 6:30pm – 9pm</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Fundraising Street Collection: London-wide, see below.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	<b>Lambeth Amnesty Meeting at the Clapham Community Project, 8pm</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Classical Fundraising Concert – organised by the Croydon Amnesty group. Sutton Baroque, founded in 1974, will be playing a concert at 7:30pm at St Augustine's Church, St Augustine's Avenue, South Croydon, CR2 6BA. Tickets are £10 and available from Beverley Foulkes-Jones, tel: 0208 680 5406, email: to beverley.fo...@virgin.net
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	<b>Lambeth Amnesty Letter Writing at The Sun in Clapham</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>	<b>Lambeth Amnesty Group meeting, 8 pm Clapham Community Project</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2012	Bromley and Orpington Amnesty groups are hold a screening of The Corporation at Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington. Film starts at 7:30pm and entry is £2.
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	Lambeth Amnesty carol singing (provisional)

### Meeting Notes 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Clapham Community Project

#### Present

Anita, Caroline, Naomi, Rebecca, Gareth, Ros, Rachel and Jalira

#### Apologies

Frances and Sue

#### Secretary's Report

Rachel discussed the Monthly Action sent by Amnesty UK centred on stopping the execution of Reggie Clemons who, for 19 years, has sat on death row for a murder the court agreed he did not commit. With no

physical evidence found linking Reggie to the murder, the prosecution has relied on two questionable witnesses. A petition was passed around the group calling on the Missouri Supreme Court to stop the execution and it was agreed it would be sent off the next day.

There was a 'Campaign Update' for the ATT campaign included in the Monthly mailing – although progress was made with treaty negotiations, the Treaty has not yet been agreed. This will be discussed further at the UN General Assembly meeting in October and this will be another opportunity to act.

Rachel also passed around copies of Amnesty Magazine, Groups News and the Amnesty Shop Catalogue for members of the group to take home or distribute to others.

### **Campaign and Event Updates**

The upcoming AI UK Protect the Human Week was discussed. It was agreed that Lambeth would not hold a separate event, although the October meeting is during PTH week so appropriate actions can be taken then. Ros mentioned a contact she had at a Prisoners of Conscience organisation and the group agreed to look at having a speaker for the November meeting.

The group gave feedback on key questions from AI UK on the Cost and Priorities Programme (CAPP). This centred on monthly mailings and group news/campaign materials and the group's opinion on them. After discussion, the group agreed that generally online distribution is easier. Ros will feed this back to AI UK. She advised that there has already been a strike of staff at AI UK due to the proposed cost cutting programme..

The London wide Street Collection is taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> October this year. Discussed Lambeth taking part as a group and agreed that we could not commit to it this year. Rebecca and Caroline agreed to take part as individual members though. Rachel will email the street collection organiser with their details.

Ros went through the minutes from the London regional meeting. The London regional conference has been moved to March (not January) 2013 and further information will follow. **The next regional meeting dates are 7th November and 9th January** and all are welcome.

### **Group Roles**

The group currently do not have a Chair and it is Rachel's last meeting as Secretary and these roles were discussed. Agreed to have a 'rotating Chair' system for the rest of the year - Anita agreed to chair the October meeting and Jalira agreed to chair in November.

It was agreed that the Secretary role would be split into three areas. Naomi agreed to take on the producing the monthly newsletter, Caroline will check and respond to emails and collate info for meetings etc (and will email this to Naomi or Rebecca if she cannot attend) – she will initially do this until December. Rebecca will provide a postal address for Amnesty mailings etc - Rachel will update AI UK on this. Thanks noted for all those who offered to take on roles.

### **Any Other Business**

Gareth mentioned a non Amnesty local event – launching the Women's Safety Charter. This event is on Acre Lane on 25<sup>th</sup> September – please see this link <http://t.co/3xMzK3ZF> for full info.

Rachel thanked everyone and said she has enjoyed being secretary – the group wished her best of luck for the future and thanked her for all her hard work!

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

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

- ⑩ Lambeth Amnesty website: <http://lambeth.amnesty.org.uk/>
- ⑩ London Amnesty website: <http://london.amnesty.org.uk/>
- ⑩ London Amnesty google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/amnesty-london-region> You can sign into this to get regular updates of events and opportunities for volunteering.
- ⑩ Amnesty UK website for events at HRAC: [www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10011](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10011)

### **Next Meeting**

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month starting at 8pm (no meeting in August). The next meeting will therefore be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. This will take place at the Clapham Community Project – see below for directions.

## Meeting Venue

How to get to Clapham Community Project - 2 minutes from Clapham Common.

Go to Clapham Common Tube (Northern Line) or reach it by bus (several routes e.g. 88, 345, 35,37) or car (limited parking in the side streets in the area). When you exit from the tube with the Common behind you, Clapham High Street will be straight ahead (it's the A3). On the left (still on the junction and just as you get into the High Street) you will see a small Budgens grocery which is on the corner of Venn Street.

Go up Venn Street, past the Sequel restaurant and the entrance to Clapham Picture House on your left. After a few yards you come to the junction with Bromells Road. The Community Project is the brick building ahead of you on the corner of Bromells Road and Venn Street, and the entrance is in Bromells Road. We are meeting in the Red Office on the first floor.