**Watford Amnesty Group Activities**

Would you like more information?

Have you some ideas for more activities?

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**Amnesty campaign for Syria with video**As the situation in Syria is obviously of great concern to us all here is a web page for an Amnesty campaign for Syria with video -
http://campaigns.amnesty.org/campaigns/conflict-in-syria

Here is an action to undertake:
http://campaigns.amnesty.org/campaigns/conflict-in-syria

If you have any questions do send them to me and I will contact Jeni Dixon, Country Co-ordinator for Syria, Middle East and Gulf Team at AIUK.

**Talk by two members of Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Council**Andrea Hudson and Guy Buckler will update us with project developments at our meeting on Monday, 16th September, at St Mary’s Parish Centre, Watford, at 7.45pm for 8pm. Several years ago we had talk by Joy Hobs from the Refugee Council and members said they would be interested in hearing more about the projects. Andrea and Guy will be giving us a different perspective and will be happy to answer questions. They have asked that we tell them in advance if there are any particular points we would like to raise. So if you have any thoughts do please let me know so I can pass on the requests.

**Fundraising in Rickmansworth**John Jowers will continue his tradition for fundraising in Rickmansworth High Street this autumn. This is booked for Saturday, 19th October. Do let John know if you able to come along, even if only for a short time - phone: 01923 774621; email:sebjx@sky.com

**Impressions of Venezuela 2013**This is the subject of a talk by Mike Barnes, now a member of our Group, who will be giving a talk at the Watford Oxfam/WDM/Jubilee Debt Campaign Group meeting on Thursday, 10th October, in the foyer of Bushey and Oxhey Methodist Church at 7.45pm. The church is in Chalk Hill, a few hundred yards on the right up from Bushey Arches towards Bushey.

Mike visited Venezuela recently to gain an impression of the social and political changes that have occurred under President Chavez over the last 15 years. He went with an American group called Global Exchange which specialises in what Mike describes as people-to-people tours. Mike has asked that we let him know if we plan to attend so if you tell me I can contact him.

**Our Group AGM**This will be on Monday, 28thOctober at St Mary’s Parish Centre, Watford, at 7.45 pm for 8pm. Our guest will be Bob Corn, Regional Representive for the South Midlands, and he will update us on the situation in West Papua.

*Best wishes for 2013*

*Margaret*