July 2025 Updates

Glasgow West Amnesty International

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Join Amnesty International, get involved with our local AI Group and play your part in helping to promote and defend vital human rights across the world.

We warmly invite newcomers and familiar faces alike to attend the next meeting of the Amnesty International Glasgow West Group. This email includes:

- Details of our forthcoming July 2025 meeting;
- Links to current AIUK activities;
- The minutes from our local Group's June 2025 meeting; and
- A note of our local Group's monthly meeting dates for the year ahead.

July 2025 Glasgow West AI Group Meeting

Thursday 10th July, Woodlands International Methodist Church, 7:30pm – 9pm

The next Glasgow West Amnesty meeting takes place on **Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm – 9pm** in Woodlands International Church, Woodlands Road, Glasgow, G3 6LW.

We would love to see you there!

Our next meeting will include:

- Feedback and discussion on our recent "Seenaryo" film screening event, which was held during the Refugee Festival in June;
- Feedback and discussion on the AIUK AGM in Warwick, which took place over the weekend 5th / 6th July and which was attended by a couple of our local Group members;
- Planning for our Group's input to Glasgow's Pride march, which takes place on Saturday 19th July;
- Undertaking **letter writing** on recent Urgent Action alerts from AIUK;
- Updates and discussion on **events** relating to 2025 being the **50th anniversary** of Amnesty International in Glasgow; and
- Brief updates from our **local group co-ordinators** on their activities.

Amnesty UK Local Updates

Below is a selection of some of the issues featured in the latest monthly update for Local Groups from Amnesty UK.

The full latest AIUK monthly Local Groups Update .

Amnesty in Scotland

Click on this for information about AI Scotland's latest activities

Upcoming Dates / events

17 July 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Training: "How to do a Public Stunt" (Register here)

26 August 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Training: "A Guide to working with Schools" (Register here)

For all updates on planned AIUK training and events for AI activists, see the AUIK events page.

June 2025 Meeting Updates

AI Glasgow West Group Meeting Thursday 12th June 2025

Minutes

Link to previous (June) meeting email via Mailchimp.

1. **Welcome and apologies**

   Attendance: Susan, Andrew, Claire, Mhairi, Carol, Clara, Ken, Merle, Kirstie, Charlene and Celia.

   Apologies: Luca, Paolo and Mal.

2. **Agreement of previous meeting minutes** *(Previous meeting's minutes are included in the meeting email link at top of this section)*

3. **Team Updates** (list of roles here):

   (a) **Treasurer** (Kirstie)

      i. postage re letters sent: £41.60

      ii. Pride March: £15 *(Further invoice for stall to follow)*

      iii. current balance: £ 541.95

   (b) **Social Media & website** (Mal/Cait)

      i. Cait access to SM accounts? - no update, not present

         - Twitter/Bluesky transition? https://www.helloquitx.com/ (No further discussion on this yet)
         - Mal is stepping down from Social Media (SM) role and Cait currently not around - any volunteers to take on SM as nothing's been happening with it for a while?
         - Clara offered to get access logins to help share specific events

   (c) **Local Political Outreach**

      i. Paulo re. Kaukab Stewart MSP (*Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and MSP for Glasgow Kelvin Constituency*) regarding Human Rights Bill. Perth Gathering, Neil Cowan of AI Scotland office said he'd share info with us. Other local groups showed interest in undertaking joint actions

      ii. Paolo has made a leaflet (see draft here) to put in public spaces, like libraries, on the Human Rights Bill with brief info & link to the AIUK petition (https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/first-minister-scotland-needs-human-rights-bill) & QR code pointing to our website and a page to explain a bit better about the Human Rights Bill.

         A. First page is the leaflet to print and put in noticeboards, second page what we could put on the website.

         B. People to review leaflet draft by 27.06.25 and then Clara(?) to make poster

4. Unactioned tasks from previous meeting:

(a) email party offices (Ailig to share); approach shadow MInisters of Equalities; Daisy to write template email → Clara/Ailig to review & then all to send

(b) awareness-raising campaign on Human Rights Bill - SM post; prepare poster on the issue - AI Scotland could publish "manifesto" that we share with party offices - Paolo to write this and share w AI Scotland office for them to check]

5. **Regional/Country focus**

   (a) **South East Asia/ Myanmar** (Mal) - Mal stepping down as CC due to no longer having the time available to fulfill the role

   (b) **Korea** (Clara) - no updates

   (c) **Theme focus - US Death penalty** - Mal has informed Death Penalty Network that our group would like to cover California - hasn't heard response yet

6. **Prisoner of Conscience/Individual At Risk Update** [previous - Cait - India BK16 - - no updates]

7. **Actions/updates from previous meeting Minutes:**

   (a) CCA "Seenaryo" film screening during Refugee Festival in June - Tuesday, June 17, 6 - 7:45pm at the CCA

   https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tilka-documentary-screening-qa-tickets-1334083191739

   Stall: we can set up 5.45-doors open at 6pm and film starts at 6.15pm. Who else can go and help? Take leaflets / banner / posters / balloons / badges / petition?

   i. Clara, Carol, Mhairi

   ii. Claire to ask Mal to put on SM - to give Clara login details

   iii. Clara poster professionally - £10

   iv. £ to central amnesty

   v. sign up sheet / money sheet / join group flyer

8. AI Scotland Gathering in Perth (7th June) – Feedback / discussion

   - Seven Glasgow West / Daytime Group colleagues attended /(Claire, Luca, Paolo, Clara, Andrew, Carol and Ann/a), in a total of c.40 attendees from across Scotland's Local groups plus AI Scotland / AIUK staff and external speakers. Really inspiring to hear from other groups e.g. links with local schools for Write for Rights, etc
   - People wanted to join up across groups and campaigns Scotland
   - Presentation from Scotland AI Director (Neil) focusing on the priorities of AI Scotland office *(which he had presented to our Group earlier this year)*
   - Two very moving speakers on Gaza; One providing a personal testimony of the events that had resulted in eight children in her extended family being killed by the IDF. The second speaker on Gaza focused on the Amnesty campaign to ban Israeli settler goods (i.e. produce / goods grown or made on illegally stolen land)

9. Clara: potential speaker - journalist from Somalia - Clara to check his availability and if needs transport/accommodation costs - no update

10. Email: we can also host **a speaker from Refugee Action** (they sent us an email) - (Refugee Week = 16-22.06.25)
    (a) July meeting is often v quiet - do in August?
    (b) link up w Graham from Daytime group - Andrew to email Graham to see if they can arrange for Daytime group session time
11. **Urgent Appeals** - Merle

    No. of letters written during this meeting: 12

    - https://tinyurl.com/ua-zimbabwe
    - https://tinyurl.com/ua-sa25
    - https://tinyurl.com/ua-ivoire
12. **2025 Glasgow West AI group's 50th anniversary!** - see Ideas doc here, inc.
    (a) *Meal:*
        i. Unfortunately the church hall is not available on Saturdays. We could have the hall on Thursday 11th September (our regular meeting night) 7pm-10pm at £14 per hour.(it's in use till 7pm) Claire will ask about number of tables and chairs and get more info on the kitchen. The kitchen upgrade should be finished this week. And we would need to set up the hall
        ii. Probably worth considering another venue for a Saturday before we decide
        iii. Saturday PM may be preferable to welcome older people
        iv. Clara has made flyer
    (b) Andrew contacted Glasgow City Council to explore possibility of **tree planting** to mark 50 years of Amnesty in Glasgow.- The Council is keen to support this - Details tbc, but likely to take place Oct / Nov in an area around Kelvingrove.
        i. The Lord Provost's Office has also suggested a **Civic Reception** for Amnesty Glasgow. Again, details re timing, etc tbc, but likely to be in the Autumn.
    (c) Andrew contacted **Strathclyde University Journalism course** leaders to see if they have students interested in developing some stories around the Group's archive materials. The purpose would be to publicise the work of Amnesty in Glasgow and, hopefully, encourage others to volunteer.

        Lecturer has asked to borrow our archive material so they can look through it and assess how suitable they think it might be. The Group agreed for Andrew to drop off our archive with the Lecturer.

        Andrew has also contacted Uni group & Daytime group to see if would like to be involved/if they have also have archive material that they wish to include- Andrew will update on responses when he gets them

        Andrew to msg Mal to see if he is holding any other archive material
13. **Pride March** (19.07.25) - registered for Parade and Stall. NB stalls will be required to be set up before 10 am on the morning of Saturday the 19th of July. Volunteers now for stall / parade

(a) *To set up stall: Kirstie,??*

(b) *March: Clara, Claire*

14. **AGM Resolutions** - AGM resolutions to vote not received yet, so can't discuss how our Group should vote! We will pick this up and share / discuss in the Group's Signal chat when we get the resolutions. Clara & Carol will be attending the AGM / Annual Conference in Warwick, which takes place over the 5th / 6th July.
15. Groups Planning Pack 2025 from central AIUK - some useful links, especially the Calendars with key events/trainings.
16. **AOB**
    - Susan is very generously hosting an **Amnestea event on Sunday July 13th 4pm-7.30pm** at her house. If you'd like to come along, please contact mail@glasgowwestamnesty.org.uk
    - **Registration for AIUK AGM** 5th/6th July is open - at Warwick Uni!
    - Future Idea: **Apartheid free meal / invite MPs?**
17. **The latest AIUK Local Group Updates are included in the June meeting email link at the top of this document.**
18. **Next meeting - Thurs 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm**

2025 Meeting Dates

New Members very welcome!

The Group meets every second Thursday of each month at **7.30pm - 9pm.**

The meetings take place at **Woodlands Methodist Church**, 229 Woodlands Road, G3 6LW

For further information contact mail@glasgowwestamnesty.org.uk

- Thursday 9th January 2025
- Thursday 13th February 2025
- Thursday 13th March 2025
- Thursday 10th April 2025
- Thursday 8th May 2025
- Thursday 12th June 2025
- Thursday 10th July 2025
- Thursday 14th August 2025
- Thursday 11th September 2025
- Thursday 9th October 2025
- Thursday 13th November 2025
- Thursday 11th December 2025

BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN CURSE THE DARKNESS