**Amnesty International UK Local Group Audit 2024**

Colleagues at the Amnesty International UK (AIUK) office in London have issued a survey about what is going on in local groups and how they carry out their business, so that they can better support the groups.

We thought it would be a good idea to consult all of our group members, and at the same time carry out our own brief consultation about the working of our group.

Below you will find some of the questions from the AIUK survey which we have simplified and modified to enable greater participation. We have omitted questions which simply ask for factual information as we can easily provide that.

A discussion of our answers to these questions will form the main business of our next group meeting which will be online on Monday 14th October, 7pm. Please therefore give some thought to the questions below and then come to the meeting to share your views.

If you can’t attend the meeting, ***please feel free to answer as many or as few questions as you want*** on the attached word document, and email it back to [alison.wearden@gmail.com](mailto:alison.wearden@gmail.com), OR send her a reply to this email at the same address with your comments and ideas.

Hazel (Group chair) and Alison (Group communications secretary) will collate replies to send back to AIUK by their deadline of 18th October.

Thankyou. Please go to the next page.

**These questions are about the Manchester group of Amnesty International (ie our local group) not the national organisation (except where stated).**

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**Group Visibility and Connectivity**

Do you have any views on how visible Manchester Amnesty is in the local community, and the extent to which we are connected with other local organisations?

**Monthly group meetings**

Thinking about our monthly group meetings, if you attend them, what aspects of the meetings do you find most and least interesting?

Do you have any other comments on our monthly group meetings?

**Communication (Manchester Amnesty)**

Do you read the email communications (weekly action and newsletter, weekly vigil announcement, quarterly bulletin) that you are sent by Manchester Amnesty?

Are you satisfied with the number and content of these emails, and/or do you have any additional comments?

Do you look at our web-page? Any comments?

Do you engage with our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts? Any comments?

**Manchester Amnesty Group Activities**

Thinking about our various campaigning activities, if you have taken part in any of them, please comment on how you have found them.

Do you have any ideas on how we could improve or diversify our campaigning in any way?

**The organisation and running of the Manchester Amnesty group**

How do you feel about the organisation of our group? Do you feel sufficiently involved in decision making and planning for activities and campaigns?

Do you know how to get more (or less) involved in our activities?

*Other groups run on different models from ours. We have a constitution which specifies a chair, vice-chair, communications secretary, membership secretary and treasurer. We also have subgroups/campaign areas with a named leader or coordinator for each group/area, plus our social media leads.*

*Other than having a named treasurer and a named contact person for AIUK communications, we are free to run our group as we wish. Other groups have different organisational structures, for example*

* *Job shares for the constitutional roles (perhaps with a split of tasks)*
* *Several people acting as chair of meetings in rotation (but not sure if the other chair duties also rotate)*
* *No roles – all tasks are agreed on and divided up on a meeting by meeting basis*
* *No overall group business meetings, just meetings to discuss activities/campaigns*

Does our current organisational model work for you? Do you want to suggest any changes or improvements to it? Do you have any thoughts on any of the above possibilities?

**Communication (AIUK)**

Do you receive communications from AIUK and if so, do you have any comments about their frequency, contents and usefulness?

**Engagement with AIUK activities and campaigns**

How aware are you of AIUK campaigns?

Do you participate in Amnesty activities outside of the group activities (e.g. AIUK activities), and if so what?

**Skill development**

Are there any skills that we need to develop further in our group *(e.g. media skills, fundraising, using IT and social media, working with elected representatives, campaign skills)*? If so, how would we like to be trained?

**Support and Overall Group Health**

What additional support do you think we need from the AIUK Community Organising - Local Activism team?

*For example, training,1-on-1 sessions with Community Organising staff, yearly group planning pack*

*activity action packs, other support?*

What do you think are the biggest challenges facing the group?

*For example, lack of active members, difficulty in recruiting new members, limited resources, low visibility in the community, or any other challenges or comments?*

In your opinion, which of the following best describes Manchester Amnesty?

*Growing: the group is expanding in membership and activities, with increasing engagement*

*Stable: the group has a consistent level of participation and activities, with no significant changes*

*Evolving: the group is undergoing changes, such as new leadership or shifting focus*

*Struggling: the group is facing challenges such as declining membership, reduced activity, or lack of engagement*

*At Risk: the group is at risk of closing     Dormant: the group is currently inactive*

**Final Thoughts**

Do you have any additional thoughts, suggestions, or concerns that you would like to share about the group?