**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BLACKHEATH & GREENWICH GROUP**

**Group Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday 11th February 20254, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Location: Crypt at St Margaret’s Church, Lee Terrace, London SE13 5DL**

Present: Anita, Angela, Graham, Anne F, Brigitte, Ilona, Amanda & David WW

Apologies; David Wi, David We, Tatum, Rachel, Jennifer, Anne & Ken

**Fundraising Concert:**

It was reported that a suitable venue had been identified for the planned fundraising concert. The venue is PixAudio, Greenwich New Business Park, Norman Rd. The venue seats 150 to 160 and has a bar. The venue is able handle ticketing via an online provider. The cost is £150 per hour which includes 2 to 3 hours for rehearsal.

Graham confirmed that the band (YouthSayers) would charge £700 if no additional equipment had to be provided.

We agreed to proceed with this and Anne would confirm with the venue and Graham with the band.

**Campaign Updates**

China: Anglea:

Zhang Zhan, an investigative journalist who had been released, has been re-arrested. Angela will prepare a letter about this case for the forthcoming letter writing.

Europe: Brigitte:

No update

Iran: Graham:

Graham provided copies of a letter to be signed at the meeting. These were signed and have been posted.

**London Group Meeting**

Amanda answered questions following her report on the London Regional Group meeting which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**Call For Emergency General Meeting of AI UK**

Anne reported that there had been no further news from the Watford group regarding their call for an EGM. She will contact them to for further information. She would reiterate this Group’s view that we understand and support the call for an EGM we are not able to commit to supporting the motion, which calls for sanctions on named individuals, without having heard their response to the complaint.

**Report on Meeting at HRAC on the Implications of the Reelection of President Trump on Gaza.**

Anne provided a brief report of a meeting she had attended at the HRAC. A panel of speakers (which included Jeremy Corbyn) had discussed how the recent re-election of President Trump would impact on the situations in Gaza (this was before the announcement of the “real estate” plan) and Iran,

**Arrangements for Future Meetings**

Amanda informed the meeting of a Trade Union contact, who was believed to live locally, who might be an interesting speaker at a future meeting. She agreed ot make contact with him.

**Letter Writing**

This month’s letter writing will be on 25 February and will be combined with the group's Winter Social event. It will be held at Brigitte’s house.

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| **AIBG CONTACTS** | |
| **Position** | **Name** |
| Chair | Brigitte |
| Vice-Chair | Illona |
| Secretary (enquiries contact) | Anne F |
| Treasurer | David We |
| Country Contacts | China - Angela, Graham - Iran, Europe - Brigitte, Roger - Central America |
| Publicity & Social Media | Teresa |
| Membership & AIBG Website | David W |
| Letter writing co-ordinator | Brigitte |
| Meeting notes writer / provider of meeting refreshments | Rotated between Graham, Brigitte, David Wi, David WW |