

AI Glasgow West Group Meeting Thurs 12th June 2025



Minutes

Link to June meeting email [here](#)

1. Welcome and apologies

- a. Attendance: Susan, Andrew, Claire, Mhairi, Carol, Clara, Ken, Merle, Kirstie, Charlene and Celia.
- a. Apologies: Luca, Paolo and Mal.

2. Agreement of previous meeting minutes [link](#)

3. Team Updates (list of roles [here](#)):

a. Treasurer (Kirstie)

- i. postage from letters: £41.60
- ii. Pride March: £15 (not yet stall)
- iii. current balance: £ 541.95

b. Social Media & website (Mal/Cait)

- i. Cait access to SM accounts? - no update, not present
 - Update on Twitter/Bluesky discussion? <https://www.helloquitx.com/> (not yet)
 - Mal stepping down from SM 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*) and Human Rights Bill - at Perth Gathering Scotland office said they'd share info with us, and other groups showed interest in doing joint actions
- ii. Paolo has made a leaflet (see [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.
 - 1. First page is the leaflet to print and put in noticeboards, second page what we could put in the website.
 - 2. People to review leaflet draft by 27.06.25 and then Clara(?) to make poster
 - 3. [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]

d. Regional/Country focus

- i. **South East Asia/ Myanmar** (Mal) - Mal stepping down as CC due to no longer having the time available to fulfill the role
- ii. **Korea** (Clara) - no updates

- e. **Theme focus - US Death penalty** - Mal has informed Death Penalty Network that our group would like to cover California - hasn't heard response yet
- f. **Prisoner of Conscience/Individual At Risk Update** [previous - Cait - India BK16 - no updates]

4. Actions/updates from previous meeting Minutes:

- b. 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?aff=oddttdtcreator>
 - i. 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?
 1. Clara, Carol, Mhairi
 2. Claire to ask Mal to put on SM - to give Clara login details
 3. Clara poster professionally - £10
 4. £ to central amnesty
 5. sign up sheet / money sheet / join group flyer
- c. AI Scotland Gathering in Perth (7th June) - how was it?
 - Seven Glasgow West / Daytime Group colleagues attended (*Claire, Luca, Paolo, Clara, Andrew, Carol and Anna*), 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)
- d. Clara: potential speaker - journalist from Somalia - Clara to check his availability and if needs transport/accommodation costs - no update
- a. Email: we can also host **a speaker from Refugee Action** (they sent us an email) - (Refugee Week = 16-22.06.25)
 - i. July meeting is often v quiet - do in August?
 1. link up w Graham from Daytime group - Andrew to email Graham to see if they can arrange for Daytime group session time

5. Urgent Appeals - Merle ; # of letters written during meeting: 12

<https://tinyurl.com/ua-zimbabwe>

<https://tinyurl.com/ua-sa25>

6. 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) I'll 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 would be preferable to welcome older people
 - iv. Clara has made flyer
- a. 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.*
- b. 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.
- i. *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.*
 - ii. *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*
 - iii. *Andrew to msg Mal to see if he is holding any other archive material*
- c. **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
- i. *To set up stall: Kirstie,??*
 - ii. *March: Clara, Claire*

7. **AGM Resolutions** AGM resolutions to vote on have not been 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.

8. [Groups Planning Pack 2025](#) from central AIUK - some useful links, especially the [Calendars](#) with key events/trainings.

AOB

- Susan v generously hosting an **Amnestea 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?**

The latest AIUK Local Group Updates are included in the June meeting email link at the top of this document.

Next meeting - Thurs 10th July 2025