

Minutes

Link to June meeting email [here](#)

1. Welcome and apologies

- a. Attendance: Claire, Kirstie, Merle, Christine, Lachlan, Kayden, Yvonne, Lauren, Paolo, Carol, Luca, Clara
- b. Apologies: Andrew, Ken, Mhairi

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

Guest Speaker! Refugees at Home Phoebe and Kate

- 1-3 months host on average; in big cities sometimes shorter - never open-ended agreement, always an end date
- *A powerful form of quiet activism*
- Top guest origin countries: Eritrea Sudan Ukraine Afghanistan Iran
- Urgently need hosts for 2 females in Glasgow
- Volunteer Hub in Scotland - meet regularly ; Katie happy to chat with people
- 18yrs+ or parent & child

Refugee Week 15-21 June <https://refugeeweek.org/events/>

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

a. Treasurer

- i. current balance: [£1815.27 balance](#)
 1. To check: All community meal expenses/donation complete? - [still a bit of £ to pay, waiting on them to invoice us, and from Paolo](#)
 2. NB Maryhill Against Racism said thank you, our stall was worthy, and they don't want our donation!
- ii. [We now have a bank account card, which will make certain payments easier](#)

b. Social Media & website (Lauren): [no updates, but thanks to Lauren for advertising the meetings - 3 newbies today!](#)

c. Regional/Country focus (Clara)

- i. Uyghur campaign: inviting in August people to take part in the Uyghur solidarity month - learn 1 word/day for the month of August
 1. Glasgow West group's Uyghur word is "affection" (mehr) - July meeting - word creation
 2. Arts & crafts stall at Kelvinbridge Farmers' Market **Sat 11th July** to encourage people to come and create something e.g. candle / banner so we can talk to them about the Uyghur rights crisis; will also have petition / letters to local MPs
 - a. Agreed to do fabric banner with fabric pens
 - b. Suggestion to say e.g. "We need mehr solidarity" play on words
 3. Clara to: Research any Uyghur groups active in Glasgow and invite them to join us; share info leaflet; speak to Lauren re. August Social Media
 - a. Not found Uyghur groups in Glasgow - if anyone has any links/ideas, pls tell Clara
 4. Webinar on Uyghur rights abuses - recording via Clara (internal only due to confidentiality)

d. Prisoner of Conscience/Individual At Risk (Mhairi) - not present, no updates

e. *Not currently active: Theme Focus US Death Penalty*

4. Updates from previous activities /

5. Updates from local groups (Daytime / Glasgow Uni / AIUK)

- a. Anti-racism rallies in Belfast and Glasgow on Saturday 13th, 1pm Buchanan
 - i. Meet 12.45pm at Waterstones

6. Updates from Scottish Activism Rep (Paolo) / Scotland-wide WhatsApp group chat

- a. **Amnesty Scotland Post-Election Update for Activists** (27 May) & Kerry Moscogiuri, the new Chief Executive of Amnesty International UK, about her vision for the organisation in the years ahead - any updates?
- b. **"Persuasive Conversation Activation Session"** 26.04.06 - next steps?
 - i. [Persuasive Conversations Resources](#) - Suggestion: do a training & canvassing session with our group to encourage people to contact their new MSP to discuss HR Bill / other HR issues e.g. Thursday Aug meeting - Training 7-8, then to Kelvingrove Park for an hour?

& Encourage all to join the recurring training sessions - link here:

<https://calendly.com/events-amnesty>

- c. **Message from Barrie/the Perth group about a joint fundraiser walk Glasgow --> Edinburgh, weekend of Aug 1/2.**

- i. head off from Glasgow (Maryhill locks) to Edinburgh via Kilsyth → Falkirk.
- ii. Some will go the whole way, with a couple of overnight stops, others will probably stop at Kilsyth and head back and carry on from Kilsyth at a later date.
- iii. We will be setting up a page on the Just Giving site which can be used for supporters of the walkers and bikers to make their donations to Amnesty's Charitable wing.

& The berry picking fundraiser is on again this year so will let you know the dates for our stalls when known.

& We will be inviting Chakar and family for a weekend visit and garden party probably in August, so great if you can make that too.

- d. **Scotland-wide Gathering - end of September. 2 day event?**

- i. Idea: Day 1: Stirling ; Day 2: Edinburgh

7. Urgent Appeals - Merle # of letters written during meeting: [] Tally for the year: []

There are two Individuals At Risk actions on the UK website that can be done by post. They give you the option to send an email or print out a letter, but there are no PDFs to download:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/individuals-at-risk/protect-the-bille-residents-in-the-niger-delta/>

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/individuals-at-risk/release-arbitrarily-detained-british-national-ahmed-al-doush/>

These two are online only:

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/individuals-at-risk/release-hospital-director-dr-hussam-abu-safiya/>

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/get-involved/take-action/individuals-at-risk/help-free-oqba/>

8. Pride! AIUK [Pride Pack](#) - Debra looking through the pack, preparing our stall petition for **18th July** Pride in Glasgow), sharing other accessible actions, ordering leaflets/bunting

- a. Clara to email Glasgow Pride to ask about transparency / email (based on concerns re their sponsorship last year)
- b. Clara (with car), Claire, Debra, Luca

- i. 9.30am-10am: Clara, Debra
- ii. 10am-11.30am: Debra & Luca
- iii. 11.30am-1pm: Debra
- iv. Clara on the march

c. No update on No Pride in Genocide / Pride group

9. 2026 Plan for the year ahead - [Glasgow West 2026 Planner.docx](#)

- a. NB Amnesty "Amplify" Summit and AGM - 27/28 June 2026, Brighton - [Clara, Claire, Carol and Paolo confirmed - others attending?](#)
- b. AGM: [Annual General Meeting of Amnesty International United Kingdom Section](#) ;
 - i. [2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING](#) - Resolutions
 - 1. Voting as a group - how shall we do this?! Signal gform again?
 - ii. [Scotland Amnesty will have a table on the HR Bill / Manifesto](#)
 - 1. Paolo to get a pull up banner

10. Discussion/brainstorm:

- a. How can we get new active members?
- b. How can we keep active members?
- c. Any suggestions for the current/new role-holders on how to conduct their role?

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Next meeting - Thurs 9th July 2026

- **Suggestion:** Paolo will invite LGBT+ org speaker

Potential Speakers for 2026:

- [Refugee Action - potentially joint event with Daytime group - awaiting update from Graham in Daytime Group]
- Clara: journalist from Somalia - Clara to check his availability and if needs transport/accommodation
- Paulo: law professor re. UK supreme court ruling that affects trans rights.
- AIUK Equality Network speaker - Ailig to look into - how to have conversations w family and friends
- Ebba: Palestinian researcher: <https://sgsahblog.com/2025/01/27/activist-ethnography-in-palestine/>
- [Amicus: after find out about Death Penalty network - admin@amicus-alj.org - Allan]