

## Initial Meeting Saturday 09.08.25 10am-12pm

### Attendees:




Lindsay (Edinburgh Central)  
Hollie (Edinburgh Central)  
Cathy (Edinburgh Portobello)  
Paolo, Claire (Glasgow West)  
Carol, Anna (Glasgow Daytime)  
John (Perth)  
Sue (Orkney)  
Gabriel (Dundee)

### Apologies:

Emma (Glasgow Uni group)

**Meeting Purpose:** define what local groups want out of a Scotland Activism Rep - what are our expectations and priorities for the scope of the role are

### NB documents from 07.08.25 meeting with Philippa:

-  THE ROLE OF ACTIVISM REPRESENTATIVE.docx (Paolo notes after Philippa meeting 07.0...)
-  AIUK Presentation - Local Groups.pdf
-  Acitivist Rsp Scotland Q&A.pdf

### Discussions

- How we currently link together
  - a. Country Coordinators
  - b. WhatsApp & ad hoc f2f meetups of members at other group activities
  - c. Emails from Scotland and AIUK offices
  - d. Annual Scottish gathering (agreed important to meet f2f, not just online)
- Previous Activism Reps: Malcolm Dingwall-Smith; Alison Cosgrove (both were still volunteer roles)
  - a. Malcolm was amazing! E.g.
    - i. organised fortnightly Zoom meetings during Covid
    - ii. Chaired hustings for Edinburgh Central group before general elections
    - iii. Organised 2/3 annual gatherings of Scottish groups
  - b. Alison was great! E.g.
    - i. Visited every group every year
    - ii. Was less technology available at that time so was less involved in coordinating speakers etc
    - iii. Organised annual gathering
  - c. Because they were both so great, noone else has stepped in!
- NB used to be more groups - ~15-20! inc.
  - Highlands: too far apart
  - Edinburgh South ; Pitlochry: both groups aged out and no new members
  - Aberdeen ; Fife: ? not sure why closed
- Shrank without notification to other groups, just kind of happened

- Discussion re. having a “team” to support the Activism Rep
  - Having 1 person from each group may be too much - maybe just choose 3/4 people
  - Talked re. dividing country into regions - N/S/E/W
  - Agreed for now each group to have 1 liaison person

## 2. Agreement of tasks:

- **Key Tasks** (NB main purpose: infusing enthusiasm/ideas to groups)
  - a. Organization of annual f2f Scotland Gathering
  - b. Organisation of quarterly online meetings for all local group & individual members (could have 1 key topic/meeting)
  - c. Integration of local groups & coordinating with school / uni groups
    - shared s.sheet ([e.g.](#))
    - Coordinating a team of representatives from each local group to meet regularly
    - Joint campaign work - different groups can lead on different campaigns / share resources etc (e.g. Human Rights Bill; Israel/Palestine conflict; UK supreme court ruling on trans rights)

*NB individual groups will continue to have the freedom to focus on whatever topics they want (responding to local group members' interests) / inc. various fundraising activities - our linked campaigns would be additional to this*

    - *NB difficulties in linking with school/uni groups (continuity of members / uni terms / uni groups often more dynamic/faster event turnaround than local groups)*
  - d. Integration with AI UK and AI Scotland:
    - regular check-in meetings with Philippa
    - meetings / emails with Scotland office - *reporting to national level; ensuring local groups know what the national office is doing / central campaigns are / linking in with AI partner networks*
- **Other Tasks that would be great to do in future / with capacity**
  - a. a monthly (/two months?) newsletter with contributions from each group via email (? also printed) to keep in touch about what's going on within each group
    - how this would be integrated with the Scotland newsletter?
      - *Could ask Scotland office to increase distribution list of Scotland email - does it just go to AIUK members, not local group members? Could it go to all? (or local group Secretaries share with their members)*
  - b. Starting new groups (NB since there's now a central office Admin role (Philippa) - she is now helping to start new groups - so that shouldn't be within Activism Rep role...but Philippa needs help!)

### Resources:

- Role Overview AI webpage: [Activism Representatives](#)
- Application form: <https://amnestyuk.wufoo.com/forms/p1a4mrse1rcixt8/>
- [Activism Representative Role Description | Amnesty International UK](#)
- [Terms of Reference for the Activism Forum \(Sept 2021; revised Oct 2024\)](#)

## NEXT STEPS

1. Attendees report back to local groups - share what we've discussed with local members
  - a. any questions / further discussion points / other ideas / more people who are interested in the role / all local groups to have a named "Rep Liaison"
2. Report back on Whatsapp - deadline 05.09.25
3. Once all in agreement
  - vote
  - nominated person does online application form:  
<https://amnestyuk.wufoo.com/forms/p1a4mrse1rcixt8/>

& Paolo to share Calendar of Events shared workbook ("newssheet")