

Agenda

Link to May meeting email [here](#)

1. Welcome and apologies

- a. Attendance: [Kirstie](#), [Andrew](#), [Claire](#), [Luca](#), [Clara](#), [Debra](#)
- b. Apologies: [Ken](#), [Paolo](#), [Lauren](#), [Neil](#), [Carol](#), [Merle](#)

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

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

a. Treasurer

- i. postage from letters: £6.15
- ii. other expenditure: [some funds from our recent Community Meal has still to be processed, including a reimbursement due to Paolo for event-related expenditure that he personally paid upfront; Our Group's £50 donation to the Palestinian support group Ele Elan Elak is being made via Paolo](#)
- iii. donations: [£30 from Kirstie's friend](#)
- iv. Current balance: [£1,815.27](#)
 - 1. [Still to make Maryhill Against Racism donation - awaiting for lead officer to provide bank transfer details](#)

b. Social Media & website (Lauren): [/ No update available](#)

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"](#)
 - 2. [Could do stall at Hillhead Library / Kelvinbridge Farmers' Market to encourage people to come and create something e.g. candle / banner so we can talk to them about the Uyghur rights crisis](#)
 - 3. [We ought to research any Uyghur groups active in Glasgow and invite them to join us - Clara](#)
 - 4. [Will also have petition / letters to local MPs](#)
- ii. [Clara to share info leaflet](#)
- iii. [Zine Library / stall on the high street - Claire to contact Zine library](#)
- iv. [Clara to speak to Lauren re. August Social Media plan - Clara](#)
- v. [7pm Webinar on Uyghur rights abuses - Clara to share link](#)
- vi. [July meeting - word creation](#)

d. Prisoner of Conscience/Individual At Risk (Mhairi - [No update available](#))

e. [Not currently active: Theme Focus US Death Penalty](#)

4. Updates from previous activities

- a. North Glasgow Against Racism event - Sunday 12.04.26
 - [Agreed donation of £50 from our Group to the Glasgow North Against Racism Group - As above \(3,a,iv\), Donation not yet made, Claire to follow up](#)
- b. Stand Up to Racism Southside Unity March - 19.04.26

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

a. Partner update: Freedom from Torture - Photography Competition:

Freedom from Torture invites photographers of all ages, nationalities, and skill levels to take part in this year's Photography Competition. The theme is Hope and Sanctuary, open to interpretation and creative expression.  Entry period: 13 April – 25 May



i. **Music Evening - Our Lady and St George's Church Hall, Friday 15th May, 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start**

This is another Freedom from Torture event that we have been asked to promote. "Join us for a relaxed evening of live music in support of Freedom from Torture. Local musicians will perform a mix of folk and other songs, with singers accompanied by acoustic guitar and piano. The evening will also include a raffle, along with a licensed bar and refreshments. £3 on the door (no booking required, cash only)".

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

- a. "Persuasive Conversation Activation Session" 26.04.06 - next steps?
 - i. [Persuasive Conversations Resources](#)
 - ii. Agreed the name is misleading - it's more like "exploratory / connecting / listening conversations" - being a listening, reflective ear
 - iii. Suggestion: do a training & canvassing session with our group after the election to encourage people to contact their new MSP to discuss HR Bill / other HR issues
 - 1. E.g. Thursday June 11th - Training 7-8, then to Kelvingrove Park for an hour?
 - a. Very small attendance today, so pause this till next meeting to gauge interest.
 - b. Claire to share resources in Signal
- b. Encourage all to join the recurring training sessions - link here: <https://calendly.com/events-amnesty>
- c. **A Million Acts of Hope** - <https://millionactsofhope.org/about> - **13 to 20 May 2026**
 - i. Amnesty International UK is joining hundreds of other charities and organisations around the UK to take part in 'A Million Acts of Hope', a week of action from 13 to 20 May. At a time when division may feel loud, A Million Acts of Hope is all about doing small or big acts of kindness to bring people and communities together. Some ideas:
 - 1. Putting up an Amnesty postcard in your window
 - 2. Giving out messages of kindness in your community
 - 3. Donating food – or running a neighbourhood collection for your local food bank
 - 4. Joining local community events (e.g. at places of worship, community centres) if they are taking place
 - 5. Hosting a local community meal
 - 6. Taking part in an Amnesty campaign or action – either by yourself or with an Amnesty group or network
 - 7. Visiting an Amnesty bookshop
 - ii. Email us on millionacts@amnesty.org.uk to tell us what you're doing (and share pictures or info when you do it)

7. Refugee Week 15-21 June <https://refugeeweek.org/events/> - would anyone like to organise anything / partner with another organisation?

Request: Refugees at Home - have contacted us to ask if we'd like a speaker during Refugee Festival Scotland (Friday 12 to Sunday 21 June). Our next meeting is Thurs 11th June so we could do it then?

- a. Would anyone like to liaise with them on this? Claire to reply and confirm we are interested to hear / meet this Group, but also be open that we don't think any of our members will necessarily have capacity to host a refugee
 - i. Vital for SM sharing and newsletter - one-off email / on the mailing list
 - ii. Claire to confirm date → ask AIUK to share with our postcodes

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

- 9. Pride! AIUK Pride Pack** - can anyone lead on organising our Pride Actions this year? (e.g. looking through the pack, preparing our stall petition for **18th July** Pride in Glasgow), sharing other accessible actions, ordering leaflets/bunting) - **thank you Debra!**
- 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

10. 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?

11. 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?

AOB

Next meeting - Thurs 11th June 2026

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]