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*We warmly invite newcomers and familiar faces alike to attend the next meeting of the Amnesty International Glasgow West Group. This email includes:*

- *Details of our forthcoming June 2025 meeting;*
- *Links to current AIUK activities;*
- *The minutes from our local Group's May 2025 meeting; and*
- *A note of our local Group's monthly meeting dates for the year ahead.*

## **June 2025 Glasgow West AI Group Meeting**

**Thursday 12th June, Woodlands International Methodist Church, 7:30pm – 9pm**

The next Glasgow West Amnesty meeting takes place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm – 9pm** in Woodlands International Church, Woodlands Road, Glasgow, G3 6LW.

***We would love to see you there!***

Our next meeting will include:

- Feedback and discussion on the gathering of Scottish Amnesty Local Groups taking place in Perth on Sat 7<sup>th</sup> June;
- Planning for our Group's input to [Glasgow's Pride march](#), which takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July;
- Discussion of **further new events** that are now being added to celebrate 2025 being the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of Amnesty International in Glasgow;
- Undertaking **letter writing** on recent [Urgent Action](#) alerts from AIUK; and
- Updates from our **local group co-ordinators** on their activities.

## AMNESTY UK LOCAL UPDATES

Below is a selection of some of the issues featured in the latest monthly update for Local Groups from Amnesty UK.

***Rob, I suggest the following, but feel free to use your discretion and add / amend, etc***

- The **Journalism** story. I suggest using this link to the actual Petition webpage: <https://actions.amnesty.org.uk/page/170586/petition/1> ;
- The **Ban Israeli Settlement Goods Campaign**;
- The **Individual Giving** item; and
- Perhaps the Perth Group's **Summer Solstice Challenge**.

Full details of the latest AIUK monthly Local Groups Update can be seen via this [link](#).

## AMNESTY IN SCOTLAND

Click on this [link](#) for information about AI Scotland's latest activities

## AMNESTY SHOP

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## Upcoming Dates / events

For updates on planned AIUK training and events for AI activists, Click on this [link](#).



## AI Glasgow West Group Meeting Thurs 8th May 2025

### Minutes

Link to draft May meeting email [here](#)

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

- a. Attendance: Daisy, Neil, Kirstie, Ailig, Paolo, Clara, Merle & Claire
- a. Apologies: Andrew, Mal

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

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

##### **Treasurer** (Kirstie)

- . postage from letters: £39.20
- i. hall rent → Dec: £156 - going up in Sep by £2/month
- ii. current balance: £598

##### **b. Social Media & website** (Mal/Cait)

Cait access to SM accounts? - no update, not present

- Update on Twitter/Bluesky discussion? <https://www.helloquitx.com/> (not yet)

##### **c. Local Political Outreach**

Paulo re. Kaukab Stewart and Human Rights Bill: Paolo sent email to minister's office; had a meeting with SG office staff member (no briefing notes yet); the Bill is being discussed in 3 committees (Neil from AI Scotland office is in 1 of them) - 1 is on impact of the bill to strengthen the idea of the bill - what could it mean in practical terms in Scotland

1. Edinburgh Amnesty group also involved
2. Manifestos are coming out now for 2026 election campaign - expected to be in SNP manifesto; unsure of in others
  - we can all email party offices - Ailig to share
  - Daisy to write template email - share in Signal chat 16.05.25 - Clara/Ailig to review & then all to send
1. We can approach shadow Ministers of Equalities
2. → will be proposed in parliament in 2026 so we can campaign again then
3. awareness-raising campaign on Human Rights Bill - SM post; prepare poster on the issue - ask
  - AI Scotland could publish "manifesto" that we share with party offices
  - Paolo offers to write this and share w AI Scotland office for them to check
  - Claire to add Paulo in the secs / chair WhatsApp chat

##### **a. Regional/Country focus**

**South East Asia/ Myanmar** (Mal) - no updates

**Korea** (Clara) - no updates

**Theme focus - US Death penalty - Mal to inform Death Penalty Network (California)**

- e. **Prisoner of Conscience/Individual At Risk Update** (Cait - India BK16 – no update)

**0. Actions/updates from previous meeting Minutes:**

- CCA “Seenaryo” film screening during Refugee Festival in June - no update on whether we can have a stall, Mhairi is following up
- Planning AI Scotland Gathering in Perth (7th June) - Paolo attended planning meeting
- tickets are available! Please see [link to the Eventbrite page](#) to book you place.
- AI Scotland session on their work; group session for groups to share their actions; guest speaker sessions on Palestine & Kashmir; photo session
- next meeting 6pm 12.05.25 (meeting link from Paolo)
- Clara: **journalist from Somalia** - gave a talk at SW Conference on human rights in Somalia. We can invite him. Clara to check his availability and if needs transport/accommodation costs - no update.

0. Email: we can also host a **speaker from Refugee Action** (they sent us an email) - arrange for June meeting (Refugee Week = 16-22.06.25) - [agreed to leave it in June as we'll have the AGM resolutions to discuss](#)

0. **Suggestion to move letter-writing to mid-meeting** to ensure it gets done and have more team-bonding time!

**Urgent Appeals** - Merle

# of letters written during meeting: **13**

0. **2025 is Glasgow West AI group's 50th anniversary!** - see Ideas doc [here](#), inc. suggestion from Paolo re. community meal. Suggested that we ought to think about getting a keynote speaker along to the community meal event.

- a. *Andrew will contact Council to explore possibility of tree planting to mark 50 years of Amnesty in Glasgow.*
- a. *Andrew to contact Strathclyde University Journalism and Human Rights 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.*
- b. *Pride March (19.07.25) early registration. Price before 20.04 = £15 for march (couldn't see info on stalls yet) - [agreed to register, Claire done for march](#)*
  - . *Claire to sign up to the stall (Done - NB stalls will be required to be set up before 10 am on the morning of Saturday the 19th of July).*

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

**AOB**

- **Registration for AIUK AGM** 5th/6th July is open - at Warwick Uni! Clara is able to go on behalf of our group - thanks Clara!

**AIUK Local Group Updates – [April link](#)**

**Next meeting - Thurs 12th June 2025**



**Amnesty International**  
**Glasgow West Local Group**  
**2025 Meeting Dates**

New Members very welcome!

The Group meets every second Thursday of each month at **7.30pm - 9pm**.

The meetings take place at **Woodlands Methodist Church**, 229 Woodlands Road, G3 6LW

For further information contact [mail@glasgowwestamnesty.org.uk](mailto:mail@glasgowwestamnesty.org.uk)

- Thursday 9th January 2025
- Thursday 13th February 2025
- Thursday 13th March 2025
- Thursday 10th April 2025
- Thursday 8th May 2025
- Thursday 12th June 2025
- Thursday 10th July 2025
- Thursday 14th August 2025
- Thursday 11th September 2025
- Thursday 9th October 2025
- Thursday 13th November 2025
- Thursday 11th December 2025

**BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN CURSE THE DARKNESS**

