

**Amnesty International (UK) Norwich Group
Open Meeting 19 October 2011**

Apologies Debbie, Louise 16 people present

Chair made us aware of Dales Farm information sheet from AIUK

Matters arising from September meeting

Catherine Grasham invited to talk to the group in Jan/Feb 2012

Past Events of anniversary year

Cinema City film series has been successful – Cry Freedom (40 people) To Kill A Mockingbird (50) Deer Hunter (25-30) In the Name of the Father (23) It's a Free World (25)

Philosophy lectures - Over 150 for first lecture 4 more to follow

Big Sky Concert – Any remaining tickets available on night, 94 sold as of 16th / Roz will organize flowers for soloists / programmes available £1 / Great Hall players will be in charge of lights / Carl and Sian will liaise to record the evening / After show party at St Giles House organised by BS / David will give each member of choir a programme

Thanks given to Jim for producing the programme

Jim will make an A3 notice asking people to pre-order drinks

We will liaise with Helen Woods about advert invoices for Rainbow/Greenhouse / Linzers/ NEAD

Newsclips

3 women share Nobel Peace prize / Shell worked with Nigerian military in 1990s to suppress peaceful activity against Shell

Christmas cards are now on sale at Assembly House. Lesley has organised rota of helpers for Monday afternoons.

Monthly Action

Chen Guangcheng campaign Group photo taken, showing support

Information from AIUK

David Y outlined the Write for Rights campaign focusing on 10 December. Suggested venues include first choice The Playhouse second choice St Peter Mancroft. David Y will ask the Playhouse. **ACTION David Y**

Campaigns

There was consensus that in 2012 the group will take part in more campaign work.

Poverty – Problem with this is that has no focus

Death Penalty

Control Arms/Terror Security and Human Rights (David Y)

Greeting Cards Campaign – Develop after initial card sending

David Y plans to visit Simon Wright MP to raise following issues

- Legal aid situation
- Rule change that means that UK companies elude prosecution for activities abroad
- Shaker Amer

Speakers for 2012 – Does AIUK have a list?

ACTION Joanna

Invite Freedom from Torture (Medical Foundation) AGM Speaker to our group

ACTION Joanna

Website

Will be focus at next committee meeting. Members invited to direct comments to Joanna or David F.

Newsletter – Contributions welcome.

AOB – Actress Mattie Zeigler has contacted us via AIUK website expressing interest in group.

Date next meeting 16 November 7.30

Lee Marsden - Senior Lecturer in International Relations in the School of Political, Social and International Studies UEA 'The effect of the far Right on US policy'