

**Amnesty International (UK) Norwich Group
Open Meeting 20 July 2011**

Apologies None 15 people present

MA from June 15th None 38 people at Jack Kalume's talk in June.

Updates

- Amici concert, 91 people came, event was not aimed to make money but made £300 profit.
- Big Sky held a fundraising concert for choir project, at Dragon's Hall.
- Theatre Royal collection Raised £288. Staff kindly collected for us at the matinee performances. Two stars from *Dinner Ladies* cut a birthday cake at the Assembly House and the photo appeared in the EEN.
- Street collection raised £209.48. Nicky gave Joanna names of the collectors to thank them for their help.

ACTION Joanna

- Evensong service – Tom Butler gave a rousing address. Sermon is on Cathedral website. Joanna will ask Carl if he can link it into our website. Margaret Webster and Michael Yates read the lessons. The Mayor and her consort, the Sheriff and his wife and MP Simon Wright and his wife attended. We received £150 from the offertory. **ACTION Joanna**

Monthly Action

Action for Egypt – 5 copies given out.

Meeting carried out two actions, one supporting women and young girls in Nicaragua and the other supporting people forcibly evicted in Nigeria.

David H asked how we access reports from Amnesty. David F will ask AIUK

ACTION David F

Are large print versions of Amnesty publications available? David F will ask AIUK and Lesley will write and ask.

ACTION David F & Lesley

The meeting noted the death of human rights activist Elena Bonner.

Events

- 23 July 1pm Saturday Friends Meeting House, classical guitar concert by Alan Taylor, in aid of Amnesty. David F will help at event.
- 30 July Saturday – Norwich Pride event - Forum - David Y and Jono circulated rota for helpers.
- 31 July Sunday 2.30-4.30 Amnesteia, St Thomas' Church Hall organised by Georgia M. Tea drinkers and helpers will be welcome
- 13 September Tuesday, Coffee morning at Lesley's (Not 14 as stated in Newsletter)
- HRFilms to be shown at Cinema City will also be shown at Picture House cinema in Bury St Edmunds. David F will produce short synopsis to hand out. **ACTION David F**
- Big Sky concert - Ticket details need to be finalised so that the Assembly House can advertise the event. Joanna will contact AH.

ACTION Joanna

We need suggestions for readers for the concert, Martin Shaw was suggested. Joanna will contact Louise.

ACTION Joanna

Other organisation's events

Local organisation working with unaccompanied young asylum seekers is looking for people to offer meals during the holiday period. Contact David F for details.

Next meeting 17 August 7.30pm All welcome