



News

The Secret Policeman's Ball

The Secret Policeman's Ball is a long-standing tradition. Since 1979, the Balls have showcased the best in comedy, all in the name of human rights with profits going directly to Amnesty International.



This year's is on 4 October and it is a comedy spectacular with Mitchell and Webb, Graham Norton, Russell Howard, Jason Manford, Frank Skinner, Alan Carr, Shappi Khorsandi and many more!



In Cineworld Cardiff there will be a cinecast of the show LIVE from the Royal Albert Hall.

Tickets are on sale now! - call the Box Office on: 0871 200 2000

Tickets priced:
£14.00 Amnesty International members
£14.50 Concessions and students
£17.50 Adult

Cardiff Cinecast - Cineworld Cardiff
Doors 6.30 for 7pm start

September meeting report - China campaign

Our first meeting after the August break looked back at the Olympic Games in China and the human rights concerns of Amnesty in the country.

Before the Games

There were two notable events before the Games in China. The protests in Tibet met with a violent crackdown and severe

restrictions on the media. Amnesty condemned the violence shown by some protestors but considered the authorities' response to be far beyond the need to restore order, with the use of widespread mass detentions and excessive, and sometimes lethal, force.

In contrast the authorities initially responded to the earthquake in Sichuan province with uncharacteristic openness. However this changed as local people started to protest to local authorities over matters such as the collapse of poorly constructed schools, resulting in a tightening of control over media reporting.

During the Games

During the Games several public protests were disrupted by the Chinese authorities with ITN journalist John Rey detained for reporting a pro-Tibet demonstration and many being detained and deported.

The most high profile case was of two women, Wu Dianyuan (aged 79) and Wang Xiuying (aged 77) who were accused of 'disturbing public order after they had applied to demonstrate in one of the official protest zones.

They had been petitioning the authorities since 2001 when they were evicted from their homes to make way for a development project. Both were assigned to one year of RTL.

The campaign will continue into 2009 when Amnesty will mark the 20th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

For more details see the AIUK website at <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/china>

Take Action

Urgent Death Penalty Action Please respond TODAY



On 12 September 2008, the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles voted to deny clemency to Troy Davis.

He remains scheduled to be executed at 7pm local time on 23 September.

He has been on death row for 17 years for a murder he maintains he did not commit. The Board gave no explanation for or elaboration of its decision to deny clemency.

Troy Davis was convicted of murder solely on the basis of witness testimony. Seven of the nine non-police witnesses have since recanted or changed their testimony, several citing police coercion. Others have signed affidavits implicating one of the remaining two witnesses as the actual killer. But due to an increasingly restrictive appeals process, none of this new evidence has ever been heard in court.

Please get the latest update and take action on the [Amnesty UK website](http://www.amnesty.org.uk).

Fundraising

Sponsored Walk



Our annual sponsored walk saw just five hardy souls take to the Glamorgan coast to raise money for Amnesty. Although the turn-out

was disappointing we should have raised over £200 for Amnesty's work.

Street Collections

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Whitchurch street collection. Although we only collected for an hour and a quarter before the heavens opened we raised £124, more than we raised in three hours last year.

Also apologies to those who were at the Penarth street collection - the last newsletter mentioned that it was cancelled in May. However I didn't realise that it was rescheduled so thanks so all who attended!

Next meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Quaker Meeting House (downstairs meeting room), Charles Street, Cardiff city centre.

We now have a full programme of meetings planned through until the summer (see the website for details).

October 13th 2008 Sudan

Guest speakers Salah Mohammed and Amira Bakhiet.

November 10th 2008 Terrorism, Security and Human Rights

Guest speaker - Caroline Butler (Amnesty regional trainer)

Other events

Saturday October 4th 2008
Secret Policeman's Ball

See above for details

Wednesday October 8th 2008
Conference On Human Rights and
Democracy in Africa

10.30 County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff

Key Speakers include:

- Cllr Judith Woodman - Cardiff County Council Deputy Leader
- Voirrey Manson - Public Service Management Wales
- Aled Eirug - Journalist, BBC Wales & Chair of Welsh Refugee Council
- Dr Paul Komba - Barrister & Lecturer at Cambridge University
- Kanu Nwankwo - Unicef Ambassador & African Football Star
- Rev. Hywel Meredydd - Manager, Tear Fund, Wales
- Rakie Ayole - Actress (Chair)
- Pierrot Ngadi - Human Rights Activist & Coordinator for Refugee Voice Wales
- Selina Moyo - Journalist

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