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## Group news

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### Djamel Fahassi

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Following our September workshop on campaigning for individuals, our November meeting will look more at what we can do to campaign for Djamel, who "disappeared" over 14 years ago in Algeria.

Naomi will also remind us of some of the past letters we have sent, share some of the correspondence with Djamel's wife Safia and bring cards to send.



*Djamel Fahassi*

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We have just heard that Djamel will feature in this year's Greetings Card campaign - this is an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of the case and to get hundreds of Amnesty supporters from across the UK supporting our work!

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### September meeting update

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At the workshop in September some members asked for the link to the video of the thousands of paper cranes sent to Belarus. You can find it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?gl=FR&hl=fr&v=tFJHbs0qL8c>

If anyone would like physical copies of any of the other videos that were shown please e-mail Caroline Butler at [caroline@futura.com](mailto:caroline@futura.com)

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### October meeting - Refugees

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Our last meeting was an excellent and informative meeting with guest speaker, Kate Smart, Director of Policy, Communications and Advocacy, for the Welsh Refugee Council. Kate gave an overview of the issues facing asylum seekers in the UK, background on changes in legislation and the policy of dispersal of refugees.

For more details and to sign up for e-mails see [www.welshrefugeecouncil.org](http://www.welshrefugeecouncil.org)

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## Fundraising

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### Thank you!

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Thank you to everyone who has supported the recent fundraising events which between them have raised over £800 for Amnesty International.

The September street collection in Whitchurch raised over £146, an excellent total for just 5 collectors.

The bucket collection after the Joan Baez concert in St David's Hall raised £498 (and gave the four volunteers a free evening's entertainment at the show!)



Finally, special thanks to Jennie for holding a tea party in Creigiau which raised £170.

If anyone else would like to hold a fundraising event such as a coffee morning, book sale or dinner for friends please let us know and we can provide leaflets and ideas.

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## Next meetings

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Public 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.

Planning meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Paul and Naomi's in Whitchurch (please e-mail [amnesty.cardiff@btopenworld.com](mailto:amnesty.cardiff@btopenworld.com) for the address)

November 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 (7.30pm)  
Public meeting, Charles Street  
**Campaigning for Individuals at Risk**

Following on from our October meeting we will look closer at the case of Djamel Fahassi and look at how we can increase our campaigning activity as we approach the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his "disappearance".

November 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 (7.30pm)  
Planning meeting, Whitchurch

Planning our programme and campaigning activities through to Spring 2010 (postponed from last month)

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 (7.30pm)  
Christmas Social, Whitchurch (TBC)

Our annual Christmas social and an opportunity to send cards as part of the seasonal greetings card campaign.

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## Other events

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Amnesty International South  
Wales Regional Conference

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, Cardiff

Venue to be confirmed. We're hoping to get trade union speakers from Iran and Colombia and put on a workshop of some kind.

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## Contact us

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Full details of the Cardiff Amnesty Group can be found at [www.amnestycardiff.org.uk](http://www.amnestycardiff.org.uk). Here you will find details of our current campaigns and forthcoming events as well as a couple of useful Amnesty "widgets" that bring scrolling news and campaigning actions straight from the AIUK site.

We also have a Facebook group with over 50 members (search "Amnesty Cardiff" on Facebook to find us).

If you would like to contact the Cardiff Group of Amnesty International please e-mail [amnesty.cardiff@btopenworld.com](mailto:amnesty.cardiff@btopenworld.com)